

Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Budget Highlights and Goals

Coroner

FY2009 Highlights

We attended continuing education to keep up to date on the latest trends in the field of Forensics.

- Over all case load has remained constant, but the time that is devoted to each case has increased as we see more of our population not being able to afford medical care and thus having no medical history, those cases must be autopsied.
- We have seen a decrease in the number of motor vehicle crashes and I believe that has occurred because of programs instituted to educate the public about the dangers of drinking and driving and more patrols on the roadways.
- We are seeing an increase in the number of Heroin deaths and are working with law enforcement so charges may be brought against the offenders.
- Presentations given to Civic and Community service groups to acquaint them with the responsibilities and workings of the Coroner's Office.

FY2010 Goals

- Staff completion of the National Incident Management service certification. This enables the County to be reimbursed with federal funds for expenses incurred during a catastrophic emergency.
- To continue to work with State law makers to enact legislation so medication can be re cycled and re-distributed to those who cannot afford it, thus preventing it from being put into the sewers and landfills where it can affect our drinking water
- Continue to go into high school Health and Government classes to educate the students about the duties of the coroner's office as well as addressing the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.
- Review and update the coroner's Disaster plan so we are prepared to handle the large volume of death that may occur in the event of a disaster (Bird Flu, Germ Warfare, etc)