Mission

To maintain and improve the quality of the medical and legal investigation of death as it relates to the public health, safety and administration of justice.

Business Strategy

The Medical Examiner's Office is concerned primarily with the investigation of violent, sudden, unexpected and suspicious deaths. Some death investigations with autopsy examinations are performed for the better understanding of the disease process. The knowledge gained in this manner assists the members of the decedent's family to take appropriate preventative measures. The complexity and sophistication of these procedures will vary in different situations. The investigation of death shall include scene examination, gathering the pertinent information surrounding the death followed by a thorough body examination including autopsy examination, when indicated. The post-mortem examination may include microscopic study and chemical-toxicological analysis of body tissues and fluids. Based on these procedures, the Medical Examiner certifies the cause and the manner of death. In an effort to supply quality, cost-effective medical examiner services to Seminole County residents, we have for the past four years, participated in an interlocal agreement with Volusia County Government. This agreement provides the facility, equipment and personnel necessary to perform all legally required medical examiner services on behalf of Seminole County.

Objectives

Maintain a high caliber of medical and legal investigations of death by developing constructive guidelines defining the quality of services rendered.

Teach forensic pathology and death investigation to law enforcement personnel, paramedics and other related medical personnel.

Promote inter-agency cooperation for effective and smooth functioning of the Medical Examiner's Office. This is accomplished by the establishment of a medium in which companion agencies come together to exchange technical and professional information and offer their expertise as it relates to the death investigation process. Also, the Medical Examiner must be readily available to answer questions and to participate in case discussions with the authorities.

Attend scientific sessions at which papers discussing new developments and research projects in all forensic sciences are presented.

Provide unbiased expert testimony in a court of law regarding autopsy findings.

Performance Measures

	FY 01/02 Actual	FY 02/03 Estimated	FY 03/04 Projection	FY 04/05 Projection
Autopsies	186	209	220	220
Investigations	278	336	346	357
Visual Exams	9	10	15	15
Cremation Approvals	1,012	1,052	1,300	1,300
Preregistrations	304	377	382	382

Department:	COMMUNITY SERVICES	Seminole County
Division:		FY 2003/04
Section:	MEDICAL EXAMINER	FY 2004/05

	2001/02 Actual Expenditures	2002/03 Adopted Budget	2003/04 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2003/04 Budget over 2002/03 Budget	2004/05 Approved Budget	Percent Change 2004/05 Budget over 2003/04 Budget
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services	0	0	0		0	
Operating Services	303,050	326,250	363,000	11.3%	363,000	0.0%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0		0	
Debt Service	0	0	0		0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0		0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	0		0	
Subtotal Operating	**303,050**	**326,250**	**363,000**	**11.3%**	**363,000**	**0.0%**
Capital Improvements	0	0	0		0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**303,050**	**326,250**	**363,000**	**11.3%**	**363,000**	**0.0%**
FUNDING SOURCE(S)						
General Fund	303,050	326,250	363,000	11.3%	363,000	0.0%
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE(S)	**303,050**	**326,250**	**363,000**	**11.3%**	**363,000**	**0.0%**
Full Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
Part-Time Positions	0	0	0		0	

New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2003/04

This budget is a fee for service contract with Volusia County Government of $1,650 per autopsy; 220 autopsies are projected in FY 2003/04.

New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2004/05

The budget will continue to be a fee for service contract with Volusia County Government of $1,650 per autopsy; 220 autopsies are also projected in FY 2004/05.

Capital Improvements	**2003-04**	**2004-05**	**2005-06**	**2006-07**	**2007-08**
Total Project Cost	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact	0	0	0	0	0

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