

Coroner  
Sauk County, Wisconsin  
**Annual Report**

**2015 Mission:**

**The mission of the Coroners Office is to maintain the highest standard of professionalism and integrity in determining the cause and manner of death, while maintaining respect for the grieving families in their time of need. We want the people of the County to know that by our work and actions that we are sincere and loyal to them and give our highest regard to each and every death we investigate.**

**Departmental Program Summary:** The personnel of the Coroners Department not only pronounce death when needed, but also issue Cremation Permits, Disinterment and Embalming permits needed in our County. We also assist in the notification of death to families in our County as needed. We work closely with Hospice and Home Health Doctors and nurses to assist in providing help for families of terminal patients in our County. We work with the Sheriff's Department along with all local Law Enforcement Departments in our investigations of death, assisting in the final disposition of bodies.

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OBJECTIVE	WAS THIS OBJECTIVE REACHED IN 2015?
Office Professionalism	Yes Spring and Fall coroner conference training attended and State Vital Record system updated.
Better insight of death investigation	Yes WCMEA conferences on medical death investigation and Suicide Study group and child death review team participation.
Improve service to Citizens	Yes Booklet attained and given to families with children to help understand death.

**Changes / Accomplishments:** [Click here to type Changes and Accomplishments](#)

Improved equipment for safer and more professional removal of deceased also purchase of additional vehicle improving response time thru out the County.

**Statistical Summary:** [Click here to insert statistical data](#)

In 2015, we investigated 799 deaths. 402 Natural, 31 accidental, 12 Suicides, 1 Homicide, 5 unclaimed bodies and issued 342 Cremation permits.

**OUTPUT MEASURES**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>2013 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2014 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2015 ACTUAL</b>
Investigation of deaths	668	735	799
Cremation Permits	261	298	342
Autopies	24	22	31

**OUTCOME AND EFFICIENCY MEASURES**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>2013 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2014 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2015 ACTUAL</b>
Delay signing of pending Death Certificate	54 days	45 days	45 days
Blood test return time	8 days	19 days	14 days