

Sauk County, Wisconsin
Coroner Annual Report

2016 Mission:

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

Departmental Program Summary: Pronounced death as needed and also issued Cremation, Disinterment and Embalming permits. We were involved in the notification of death to families, both residents and visitors to our County, as needed. We worked closely with the Hospice Program, Home Health Nurses and local Doctors for those whom choose to remain for death at home with privacy and professional medical care. We worked with the Sheriff's Department and all other local Law Enforcement Departments with their investigation of deaths, keeping the chain of evidence intact at all times. Also supported and assisted in the Organ and tissue donation programs, helping many others in our assistance with this program.

2016 Goals Review

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OBJECTIVE	WAS THIS OBJECTIVE REACHED IN 2016?
	Yes or No (If no, please provide comment)
Increase cross functions of all Deputies assuring the professionalism of the office.	Yes, we provided timely operation with no complains.
Increased service to Citizens	Yes, did small group talks about death, upgraded our equipment for handling the deceased.

Changes / Accomplishments:

We improved our equipment for safer and more professional removal of the deceased. We also purchased an additional vehicle to improve the efficiency work ability and safety for all.

Statistical Summary:

In 2016, we had 903 cases that we investigated. That included 481 natural deaths, 53 accidental deaths, 8 suicides, 1 homicide and 360 Cremation Permits. We attended 21 autopsies, did 49 toxicology tests and had 5 unclaimed bodies.

OUTPUT MEASURES

DESCRIPTION	2014 ACTUAL	2015 ACTUAL	2016 ACTUAL
Death Investigations	735	799	903
Autopsies	22	31	21
Toxicology testing	32	55	49
Cremation Permits	298	342	360

OUTCOME AND EFFICIENCY MEASURES

DESCRIPTION	2014 ACTUAL	2015 ACTUAL	2016 ACTUAL
Delay in signing pending death Certificates	45 days	45	42
Blood test return time	19 days	14 days	16 days