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From the Chairman of the Medical Examiners Commission

On behalf of the Medical Examiners Commission (MEC), I am pleased to provide this Annual Workload Report to each of our district medical examiners. The information included in this report is invaluable to the many interested parties well beyond the boundaries of our medical examiner districts. The MEC believes in the value and worth of compiling statewide data and providing it to the general public and policy makers alike.

The Report of Drugs Identified in Deceased Persons provides highly sought after and critical information related to drug deaths in Florida. This unique report continues to track the unfortunate results of the abuse of both prescription and illicit drugs. The report assists Florida's state and local agencies in allocating and focusing their precious resources. Dating back to 1987, this annual report was first conceptualized for tracking deaths due to cocaine, with heroin later added in 1995. The report is constantly evolving. More drugs are tracked as their abuse potential and prevalence becomes known. The Report of Drugs Identified in Deceased Persons has currently evolved to include the tracking of 46 drugs and ethanol.

One of the MEC's proudest accomplishments continues to be its joint initiative with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and Florida's 25 medical examiner districts to resolve the approximately 900 unidentified deceased persons in our state. With new technology and advances in forensic science, this project continues to pay dividends for many families seeking closure of a loved one's fate. We will continue to encourage participation and provide access to various resources to reduce the backlog of these unidentified deaths.

Thank you for your on-going professional commitment to providing the State of Florida with high quality medical-legal death investigative services. This is very much a team effort and you are to be commended for your exemplary efforts and professionalism.

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INTRODUCTION

The Medical Examiners Act, Chapter 406, Part I, Florida Statutes, was enacted by the 1970 Legislature in order to establish minimum and uniform standards of excellence in statewide medical examiner services. This report is compiled to illustrate the direction taken by the Medical Examiners Commission (MEC) during 2019 to ensure an effective and viable program of medical examiner services throughout Florida.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Reappointments

The term for one of the district medical examiner positions on the MEC expired July 1, 2019. Incumbent Barbara C. Wolf, M.D., District 5/24 Medical Examiner, applied for reappointment and will continue to serve until reappointed or replaced.

The state attorney position on the MEC was vacated during 2019. A recommendation from the Florida Prosecuting Attorney's Association was submitted in 2020.

MEDICAL EXAMINER DISTRICTS

In 2019, the Commission recommended that the medical examiners for Districts 8, 10, 12 and 14 be reappointed by the Governor for additional three-year terms.

District 8
Dr. William F. Hamilton
District 10
Dr. Stephen J. Nelson
Dr. Russell Vega
District 14
Dr. Jav Radtke

Surveys and assessments for the reappointments of district medical examiners for Districts 8 (Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy and Union counties), 10 (Hardee, Highlands and Polk counties), 12 (DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties) and 14 (Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson and Washington counties) were sent via email to the constituents of these districts in January. Surveys and assessments for the funeral homes were sent via U.S. mail.

Surveys were sent to the constituents of Districts 3, 9, 11, 13 and 25 for information only. District 3 receives medical examiner services through contractual agreements with District 2, 4 and 8. Districts 9, 11, 13 and 25 fall under Home Rule Charter and the medical examiners are not appointed by the Governor. Dr. Joshua D. Stephany continued to serve as the district medical examiner for District 9 and 25, Dr. Emma O. Lew continued to serve as the district medical examiner for District 11 and Dr. Kelly G. Devers continued to serve as the district medical examiner for District 13.

B. Robert Pietak, M.D., was appointed District 4 Interim Medical Examiner effective July 2019 by State Attorney Melissa Nelson, J.D. Dr. Pietak has been recommended for appointment by the Governor as DME.

District 7 selected James W. Fulcher, M.D. as the District Medical Examiner effective July 6, 2019.

District 15 appointed Wendolyn Sneed, M.D., via Home Rule authority effective August 19, 2019, following the retirement of Dr. Bell.

Tim J. Gallagher, M.D., was appointed District 1 Interim Medical Examiner effective October 1, 2019, by State Attorney Bill Eddins, J.D. A search committee has been appointed to find a permanent DME recommendation.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

There was a total of twelve formal complaints in 2019. Of the twelve cases received, ten were found to be legally insufficient by staff, without the need for review by a probable cause panel, and two cases are still under review. Additionally, two complaints from 2018 were resolved, with one case being determined to be not legally sufficient by staff, and the other case that was pending a formal hearing being dismissed by the Commission.

ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 46th Annual Educational Conference of the Florida Association of Medical Examiners was held at Eau Palm Beach Resort and Spa in Manalapan, Florida. The conference was a big success. The program content was excellent with positive feedback.

STATE CHILD ABUSE DEATH REVIEW COMMITTEE

District 2 Associate Medical Examiner Anthony Clark, M.D., continued to serve as the Florida Medical Examiners Commission representative on the statewide Child Abuse Death Review Committee.

The 2019 Florida Child Abuse Death Review Committee Annual Report is posted on the Florida Department of Health website and can be viewed at http://www.flcadr.com/reports.

VIOLENT CRIME AND DRUG CONTROL COUNCIL

District 12 Medical Examiner Russell S. Vega, M.D., continued to serve on the Violent Crime and Drug Control Council as the statutorily mandated medical examiner (F.S. §943.931(2)(i)).

The 2019 Violent Crime and Drug Control Council Annual Report is posted on the FDLE website at http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/VCDCC/VCDCC-Home.aspx.

UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED INITIATIVE

Unidentified deceased success stories can be attributed to many of the tools that are available to medical examiners and law enforcement when investigating unidentified decedents. Some of these tools include the NCIC/FCIC database, which contains missing person records and can include fingerprint and dental records; the Florida Unidentified Decedents Database (www.fluiddb.com); the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System "NamUs" (www.NamUS.gov); and the Unidentified Deceased Initiative online training video, which was developed by FDLE's Bureau of Professional Development and the Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse (MEPIC).

MEPIC is available to assist in the identification of unidentified medical examiner cases. Their staff can provide assistance with DNA status, fingerprint submissions, dental records, FCIC/NCIC queries on active missing persons cases, resource information, forensic artists and the opening of cases. The Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement have fingerprint databases from undocumented aliens they have encountered. These databases are not tied into the FBI database. MEPIC can assist the medical examiners in submitting fingerprints through these databases if other avenues fail to produce results.

Five success stories were reported during 2019 from Districts 9, 14, 16 and 17. The number of solved cases has grown significantly due to the analytical and investigative efforts of the MEPIC staff. This has been especially helpful in the identification of decedents who were foreign nationals.

District 9

The Orange County Medical Examiner's Office contacted the Unidentified Deceased Initiative (UDI) for assistance with an unidentified deceased subject found earlier in 2018. The case involved a white male subject whose face could not be recognized due to decomposition. The subject's fingers could not be fingerprinted due to mummification. A Salvation Army shelter, where the man was staying, identified him as Richard Wilks Hedglin. The initiative located a Florida criminal history for Mr. Hedglin, and CJIS Biometric Services conducted a direct comparison of the subject's fingerprints with high resolution photographs of the deceased's fingertips. CJIS confirmed a match between the fingerprint card and the photos. UDI was able to locate information on Mr. Hedglin's next of kin. This information was provided to the District 9 Medical Examiner's Office.

The second case involved a middle-aged white male that was found on September 6, 2017. The male collapsed in a parking lot and was transported to a local hospital where he died five days later. Law enforcement collected the subject's belongings on scene and found paperwork and personal effects with the name of Raphael Merrill, but the name could not be confirmed. Submission of the subject's fingerprints to CJIS Biometric Services was inconclusive. The Unidentified Deceased Initiative was able to locate a brother of Mr. Merrill who resides in Maryland. The brother was not able to visually identify Mr. Merrill, and DNA needed to be obtained for a comparison. Inspector Pollard contacted Maryland State Police and requested their assistance in obtaining a DNA family reference sample from Mr. Merrill's brother. The Maryland State Police was able to obtain the sample and provided it to the District 9 Medical Examiner's Office. The DNA sample was submitted to the FBI Laboratory and they confirmed that the deceased was in fact Raphael Merrill.

District 14

This case involved a nearly skeletal white female located along the side of the interstate in Jackson County on December 20, 1984. The deceased was initially believed to be 18-25 years of age. An investigator with the District 14 Medical Examiner's Office contacted UDI for assistance in confirming the identity of the deceased. Initially identified by a fingerprint record located by the medical examiner's office, the deceased had a criminal history which included multiple identities. UDI examined the criminal history and contacted numerous law enforcement agencies in Louisiana and Mississippi in a search for records to determine the subject's true identity. Due to age- and weather-related disasters, no records existed. SCIA Rigsby contacted the state of Georgia Department of Vital Records (GDVR). GDVR produced a copy of a birth certificate related to one of the subject's identities: Deborah Pauline Bearden, age 29 at the time of death. The birth certificate listed both parents for the deceased, although public records indicated that they were also both deceased. This information was provided to the investigator at the District 14 Medical Examiner's Office.

District 16

UDI received a request from staff at the District 16 Medical Examiner's Office for assistance in locating the purported burial site of an unidentified deceased juvenile female. The decedent died in a plane crash in February 1992. The plane, an overloaded crop duster which originated in Cuba, crashed in the Gulf of Mexico. Numerous bodies were identified from the crash, but the identity of the juvenile was unknown. District 16 staff located an obituary for the girl's parents in a Cuban expat newspaper which provided a name for the decedent and a location for her remains.

District staff attempted to contact the cemetery without success, and a request was made to UDI for outreach. UDI staff contacted the cemetery and was provided with the exact plot location of the decedent and her parents. This information was provided to the Medical Examiner's office for follow up in determining further steps to verify the decedent's identity.

District 17

On August 5, 2015, the District 17 Medical Examiner's Office submitted a single piece of evidence in the form of a femur from unknown 1992 case to University of North Texas (UNT) for CODIS entry. A portion of a skeletonized body was discovered in a culvert in Margate, Florida, in November of 1992. Information received from Margate Police Department stated that several children were playing by a lake, when they found a human skull and called for their mother, who called police. The skull was found without its lower jaw, but with 13 total bones. The skull and various bones were found in a culvert which empties into a lake. The remains were transported to District 17 Medical Examiner's Office, where the death was later determined to be a homicide by blunt head trauma.

In 2017, a Margate Police Department cold case detective started working on cases and reviewing NamUs entries. While searching NamUs, the detective found the unidentified remains that District 17 Medical Examiner's Office entered. The detective located a 1985 missing person report that was never entered into NamUs. The detective created the NamUs case for the missing person and requested NamUs compare the DNA from the unidentified remains and the just-entered missing person case. NamUs located a family member of the missing person and obtained a buccal swab. On March 13, 2018, UNT received the DNA family reference sample from Tanya Bazan, the daughter of the missing person, Peggy Ann Domingue. Ms. Bazan's mother went missing from her home in Margate, Florida, on July 5, 1985.

On November 12, 2018, District 17 Medical Examiner's Office received correspondence from UNT that stated both above mentioned samples were analyzed for human mitochondrial DNA (MtDNA) regions HV1 and HV2, and the samples were consistent with the unidentified human remains originating from the biological mother of Tanya Bazan. Margate Police Department was additionally notified of the match, and made contact with Tanya Bazan and Jeffrey Domingue, son, of the positive identification.

METHODOLOGY

Death statistics in Florida reflect the total number of certificates of death recorded by local county registrars of vital statistics. These include both resident and non-resident deaths. Data for 2019 was obtained from the Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics. Rates related to deaths in this report are medical examiner cases per every 1,000 recorded deaths.

Population estimates for the state of Florida (as of April 1, 2019) were provided by the Florida Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research. Unless otherwise noted, rates related to population in this report are deaths for every 1,000 residents.

Information concerning autopsy numbers and other workload distribution figures are supplied by each of the 25 medical examiner districts on the Annual Report Workload Data Form. These forms are filed annually with the MEC staff within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement by June 30 of each year.

Deaths included in this report are classified as "Natural" or "Violent." It should be noted that, for the purposes of this report, the term "Violent" includes all non-natural deaths.

Coverage Map

Florida Medical Examiner Districts

District 1
Escambia
Okaloosa
Santa Rosa
Walton

District 2

Franklin Gadsden Jefferson Leon Liberty Taylor

Wakulla

District 3 *Covered by

Columbia *4
Dixie *8
Hamilton *4
Lafayette *2
Madison *2
Suwannee *2

District 4

Clay Duval Nassau District 5

Citrus Hernando Lake Marion Sumter

District 6
Pasco

Pasco Pinellas

District 7
Volusia

District 8

Alachua Baker Bradford Gilchrist Levy Union

District 9
Orange

District 10 Hardee

Highlands Polk <u>District 11</u> Miami-Dade

District 12
DeSoto
Manatee

Sarasota

District 13 Hillsborough

District 14

Bay
Calhoun
Gulf
Holmes
Jackson
Washington

District 15

District 16 Monroe

Palm Beach

District 17 Broward

District 18 Brevard District 19

Wakulla

Indian River Martin Okeechobee St. Lucie

District 20 Collier

District 21

Glades Hendry Lee

District 22 Charlotte

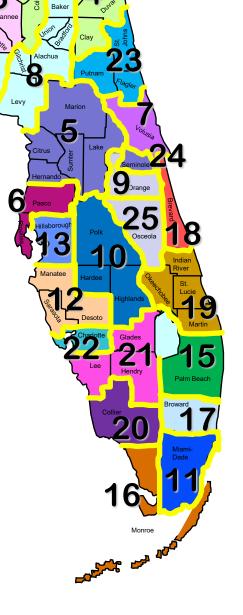
District 23

Flagler Putnam St. Johns

<u>District 24</u> *Covered by Seminole *5

District 25 *Covered by

Osceola *9



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District	Population	Total District Deaths	Natural	Accident: Motor Vehicle	Accident: Drug Intoxication	Accident: Fall	Accident: Other	Suicide	Homicide	Undetermined	Pending	Total Violent Deaths	Fetal Deaths	Human Archaeological Remains	Non-Human Remains	Total Cremation Approvals (CA)	Total Cases Referred to ME	Total Cases Accepted (incl CA)	Cases Referred Excluding CA	Cases Accepted Excluding CA	Jurisdiction Declined	Infant Deaths: Not Sleep Environment Related	Infant Deaths: Sleep Environment Related	Total Infant Deaths	Total Law Enforcement Involved	Penal Institution (Jail / Prison)	Judicial Executions
1 2 3 4 5	771,773 434,031 175,177 1,270,988 1,182,403	8,462 3,673 1,664 12,886 16,732	287 204 80 545 457	163 80 49 242 227	174 64 22 524 270	108 60 31 225 605	86 61 20 72 76	149 68 40 243 271	64 39 14 171 63	14 12 7 33 51	3 0 0 0	761 384 183 1,510 1,563	3 0 0 2 0	0 0 0 5 0	2 1 0 19 18	5,176 1,868 1,008 8,458 13,390	8,502 3,199 1,417 11,177 17,108	6,224 2,456 1,271 10,513 15,410	3,326 1,331 409 2,719 3,718	1,048 588 263 2,055 2,020	2,278 743 146 664 1,698	2 1 1 17 11	0 8 4 14 6	2 9 5 31 17	7 1 0 6 10	26 47 19 76 38	0 0 0 0
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6 7 8 9 10	1 0 0 4 2	1 1 0 0 0	3 1 0 0 4	0 0 0 2 0	5 2 0 6 6	4 4 0 0 7	4 0 0 0 2	0 0 0 0	7 1 4 11 0	15 5 4 11 9
11 12 13 14 15	3 1 9 0 3	0 0 4 0	1 0 20 0 1	3 0 4 0 1	7 1 37 0 5	3 0 7 1 2	2 2 1 5	0 0 0 0	0 0 4 0 3	5 2 12 6 6
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2019	Annual Enf	Worklo				r Law
District	Law Enforcement Involved (Homicides, not including Judicial Execution)	Law Enforcement Involved (Accidents)	Law Enforcement Involved (Undetermined)	Law Enforcement Involved (Suicides)	Law Enforcement Involved (Natural)	Total
1 2 3 4 5	6 0 0 4 3	1 1 0 1 2	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 1 2	0 0 0 0 3	7 1 0 6 10
6 7 8 9 10	2 1 0 3 3	0 0 0 0 4	0 0 0 0	4 0 0 3 4	0 0 0 0	6 1 0 6 12
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TABLE Ia1 2019 Workload by Depth of Examination (Infant Deaths)

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District	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total
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6 7 8 9 10	1 0 0 4 2	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	1 0 0 4 2	1 1 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	1 1 0 0	3 1 0 0 4	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	3 1 0 0 4	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 2 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 2 0	5 2 0 4 6	0 0 0 2 0	0 0 0 0	5 2 0 6 6
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Note: Case Investigated Only means the body was not viewed by a medical examiner (ME), although the case was investigated and certified by an ME.

TABLE la1 Cont. 2019 Workload by Depth of Examination (Infant Deaths)

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TABLE Ib1
2019 Workload by Depth of Examination (Law Enforcement Involved Deaths)

		Homi	icides			Acci	dents			Undete	ermined			Suid	cides			Nat	ural			Totals 1	or Year	
District	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total
1 2 3 4 5	6 0 0 4 3	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	6 0 0 4 3	1 1 0 1 2	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	1 1 0 1 2	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 1 2	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 1 2	0 0 0 0 3	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 3	7 1 0 6 10	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	7 1 0 6 10
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Note: Case Investigated Only means the body was not viewed by a medical examiner (ME), although the case was investigated and certified by an ME.

TABLE Ic 2019 Workload by Depth of Examination Acc: Motor Vehicle **Acc: Drug Intoxication** Acc: Fall Acc: Other **Natural** Only Only Only Only Case Investigated Case Investigated Case Investigated Case Investigated Case Investigated Body Inspected Body Inspected Body Inspected Body Inspected Body Inspected Autopsied Autopsied Autopsied Autopsied Autopsied District Total Total Total **Total** Total 4,474 3,374 8,448 2,641 3,533 5,030 5,453 1,153 2,950 4,454 1,141 1,470

Note: Case Investigated Only means the body was not viewed by a medical examiner (ME), although the case was investigated and certified by an ME.

TABLE Ic Cont. 2019 Workload by Depth of Examination

		Suid	cide			Hom	icide			Undete	rmined			Pen	ding			Totals	for Yea	r
District	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total
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6 7 8 9 10	293 124 67 145 166	12 5 1 2 3	0 0 1 0 2	305 129 69 147 171	63 29 18 123 51	1 0 1 3 0	0 1 0 1 0	64 30 19 127 51	51 6 29 19 5	3 1 2 3 1	0 0 0 0	54 7 31 22 6	0 0 0 0 1	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 1	1,470 575 558 1,161 747	499 182 170 483 44	394 133 7 76 134	2,363 890 735 1,720 925
11 12 13 14 15	278 166 221 65 156	12 1 2 0 85	0 0 0 0	290 167 223 65 241	240 37 92 23 100	2 0 2 0 1	0 0 0 0	242 37 94 23 101	12 7 24 10 25	2 1 0 0 2	0 1 0 0	14 9 24 10 27	27 0 5 1 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	27 0 5 1	1,820 747 1,271 341 1,350	611 431 735 143 351	126 33 73 56 402	2,557 1,211 2,079 540 2,103
16 17 18 19 20	23 76 140 125 51	0 167 8 4 1	0 0 0 0	23 243 148 129 52	2 129 37 41 11	0 0 0 1 0	0 0 0 1 0	2 129 37 43 11	2 60 12 13 3	0 11 0 1 1	0 0 1 0	2 71 13 14 4	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	136 1,207 770 604 309	18 864 274 154 134	0 203 9 211 193	154 2,274 1,053 969 636
21 22 23 24 25 State	138 45 79 57 52 3,222	0 0 5 0 2	1 0 0 1 0	139 45 84 58 54 3,553	40 2 13 7 20	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	40 2 13 7 20	9 3 3 12 4	1 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 2 1	10 3 3 14 5	2 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	2 0 0 0 0	773 151 236 277 294 18,732	338 51 149 7 110	110 2 3 154 15 3,947	1,221 204 388 438 419 28,853

TABLE II
2019 Cases Accepted by Medical Examiners
Related to District Population

		Autopsies and Other			Cremation
Rank	District	Investigations	Rank	District	Approvals
1	16	2.021	1	22	13.082
2	14	1.882	2	5	11.324
3	8	1.843	3	7	10.452
4	18	1.771	4	6	10.352
5	5	1.708	5	12	10.126
6	20	1.688	6	19	9.275
7	7	1.652	7	18	8.534
8	4	1.617	8	21	8.024
9	6	1.570	9	20	8.004
10	21	1.549	10	10	7.806
11	3	1.501	11	8	7.768
12	19	1.458	12	23	6.819
13	15	1.452	13	1	6.707
14	13	1.439	14	4	6.655
15	12	1.425	15	14	6.171
16	1	1.358	16	15	5.789
17	2	1.355	17	3	5.754
18	9	1.241	18	16	5.590
19	17	1.185	19	24	5.465
20	25	1.131	20	9	5.226
21	10	1.126	21	13	5.043
22	22	1.122	22	17	5.026
23	24	0.928	23	25	4.431
24	11	0.909	24	2	4.304
25	23	0.885	25	11	3.633

TABLE III 2019 Autopsies Related to Total Deaths, Population, and Violent Deaths

Rank	District	Autopsies/ Total Deaths	Rank	District	Autopsies/ Population	Rank	District	Autopsies/ Violent Deaths
1	16	0.273	1	16	1.784	1	16	1.545
2	25	0.129	2	8	1.399	2	22	1.153
3	8	0.124	3	18	1.295	3	25	1.140
4	4	0.120	4	4	1.212	4	8	1.134
5	9	0.116	5	14	1.189	5	13	1.111
6	3	0.114	6	3	1.079	6	10	1.054
7	14	0.111	7	7	1.067	7	11	1.040
8	13	0.106	8	1	0.985	8	3	1.033
9	18	0.102	9	21	0.980	9	4	1.020
10	21	0.099	10	6	0.977	10	9	1.006
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11	2	0.094	11	15	0.932	11	1	0.999
12	1	0.090	12	5	0.931	12	14	0.994
13	15	0.088	13	10	0.909	13	18	0.980
14	11	0.087	14	19	0.909	14	2	0.898
15	20	0.087	15	13	0.880	15	12	0.891
16	10	0.085	16	12	0.879	16	21	0.889
17	17	0.003	17	9	0.838	17	7	0.885
18	24	0.078	18	22	0.831	18	19	0.882
19	19	0.078	19	20	0.820	19	23	0.849
20	7	0.078	20	2	0.795	20	15	0.832
	'	0.070	20	_	0.700	20	10	0.002
21	6	0.077	21	25	0.793	21	6	0.831
22	12	0.071	22	11	0.647	22	24	0.796
23	5	0.066	23	17	0.629	23	17	0.732
24	23	0.061	24	24	0.587	24	5	0.704
25	22	0.053	25	23	0.538	25	20	0.702

TABLE IV
2019 Percent of Medical Examiner Cases Autopsied

District	Natural	Accident: Motor Vehicle	Accident: Drug	Accident: Fall	Accident: Other	Suicide	Homicide	Undetermined
1	49.5%	84.0%	97.7%	7.4%	88.4%	99.3%	98.4%	92.9%
2	40.2%	72.5%	79.7%	3.3%	57.4%	100.0%	97.4%	91.7%
3	50.0%	98.0%	90.9%	9.7%	90.0%	100.0%	92.9%	100.0%
4	72.3%	70.7%	90.6%	7.1%	73.6%	97.5%	98.8%	75.8%
5	47.9%	79.7%	88.5%	6.1%	73.0 <i>%</i> 72.4%	96.7%	100.0%	88.2%
3	47.576	19.170	00.5 /6	0.176	12.4/0	90.7 76	100.076	00.2 /0
6	42.8%	66.1%	91.3%	5.3%	88.2%	96.1%	98.4%	94.4%
7	46.7%	77.3%	86.6%	4.8%	86.0%	96.1%	96.7%	85.7%
8	86.4%	91.3%	84.5%	13.4%	81.6%	97.1%	94.7%	93.5%
9	62.9%	65.2%	90.7%	8.0%	56.9%	98.6%	96.9%	86.4%
10	81.5%	84.1%	98.6%	6.8%	90.0%	97.1%	100.0%	83.3%
11	53.0%	89.0%	94.6%	16.5%	88.4%	95.9%	99.2%	85.7%
12	44.2%	74.1%	100.0%	5.2%	57.5%	99.4%	100.0%	77.8%
13	36.7%	81.4%	97.5%	14.3%	80.5%	99.1%	97.9%	100.0%
14	49.7%	27.0%	93.7%	20.0%	70.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
15	70.7%	64.4%	93.6%	9.7%	74.8%	64.7%	99.0%	92.6%
16	72.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
17	41.6%	37.6%	91.1%	5.2%	70.7%	31.3%	100.0%	84.5%
18	68.2%	80.2%	84.3%	9.0%	81.4%	94.6%	100.0%	92.3%
19	63.0%	74.5%	93.5%	5.5%	76.6%	96.9%	95.3%	92.9%
20	51.0%	81.0%	94.6%	2.3%	81.8%	98.1%	100.0%	75.0%
21	38.7%	87.2%	99.5%	9.5%	87.6%	99.3%	100.0%	90.0%
22	50.7%	92.3%	100.0%	11.8%	93.3%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
23	23.6%	96.8%	79.2%	6.4%	62.5%	94.0%	100.0%	100.0%
24	65.6%	82.7%	92.4%	7.5%	94.4%	98.3%	100.0%	85.7%
25	54.7%	75.0%	94.4%	8.7%	44.4%	96.3%	100.0%	80.0%
State	53.0%	74.8%	92.2%	7.9%	77.6%	90.7%	98.7%	89.1%

TABLE V
2019 Ranking of Violent Death Rates
(Per 1000 Population)

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		Mot Veh Acc/		Drug Intox Acc/		Fall Acc/		Other Acc/	l	Homicides/		Suicides/		Total Violent/
Ranking	Dist	Population	Dist	Population	Dist	Population	Dist	Population	Dist	Population	Dist	Population	Dist	Population
_	_								_					
1	8	0.376	18	0.558	20	0.576	16	0.262	4	0.135	16	0.302	18	1.322
2	3	0.280	4	0.412	5	0.512	21	0.143	9	0.092	18	0.249	5	1.322
3	14	0.258	6	0.411	19	0.328	2	0.141	2	0.090	22	0.248	8	1.234
4	7	0.238	7	0.347	8	0.318	14	0.139	11	0.086	7	0.239	7	1.206
5	16	0.236	14	0.331	15	0.293	3	0.114	1	0.083	5	0.229	14	1.196
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6	10	0.214	15	0.326	21	0.280	1	0.111	14	0.080	3	0.228	4	1.188
7	1	0.211	16	0.302	6	0.276	15	0.107	3	0.080	14	0.227	6	1.175
8	25	0.205	17	0.288	24	0.254	12	0.102	15	0.070	10	0.208	20	1.168
9	13	0.194	21	0.279	7	0.234	8	0.095	17	0.067	6	0.203	16	1.155
10	5	0.192	9	0.264	12	0.225	22	0.083	13	0.065	12	0.197	15	1.120
11	4	0.190	12	0.249	18	0.205	7	0.080	19	0.065	19	0.194	21	1.104
12	2	0.184	20	0.244	4	0.177	10	0.073	18	0.062	1	0.193	3	1.045
13	19	0.165	5	0.228	3	0.177	18	0.072	10	0.062	23	0.192	19	1.031
14	12	0.159	1	0.225	9	0.163	19	0.071	7	0.056	4	0.191	12	0.986
15	21	0.159	22	0.198	17	0.161	5	0.064	25	0.054	21	0.176	1	0.986
16	6	0.157	13	0.194	1	0.140	20	0.058	5	0.053	8	0.173	2	0.885
17	18	0.153	25	0.192	2	0.138	4	0.057	21	0.051	15	0.166	10	0.863
18	9	0.145	19	0.187	10	0.125	13	0.053	8	0.048	2	0.157	17	0.859
19	23	0.141	10	0.172	14	0.122	17	0.052	12	0.044	13	0.154	9	0.833
20	15	0.140	24	0.167	11	0.115	6	0.050	6	0.043	25	0.146	13	0.792
21	17	0.128	2	0.147	13	0.111	9	0.047	23	0.030	20	0.138	24	0.738
22	11	0.127	8	0.145	23	0.107	11	0.040	20	0.029	17	0.127	22	0.721
23	20	0.111	11	0.138	22	0.094	24	0.038	16	0.026	24	0.123	25	0.696
24	24	0.110	3	0.126	25	0.062	23	0.037	24	0.015	9	0.106	23	0.634
25	22	0.072	23	0.121	16	0.000	25	0.024	22	0.011	11	0.103	11	0.622

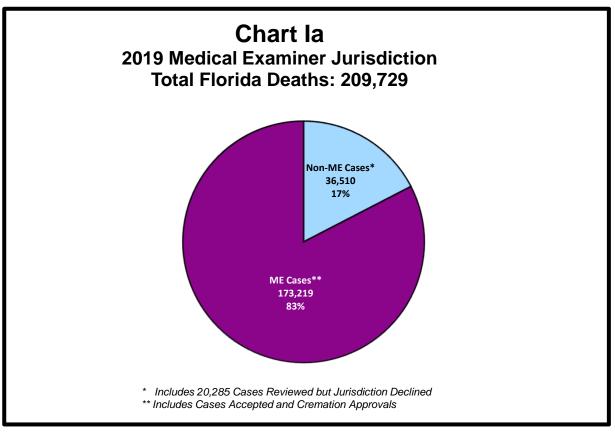
TABLE VI 2019 Ranking of Districts by Number of Violent Deaths						
Rank	Violent Deaths	District	Geographical Area of Florida with Population Ranking (#)			
1	1,769	6	St. Petersburg (#3) Miami (#1) Ft. Lauderdale (#2) Palm Beach (#4) Leesburg (#8)			
2	1,750	11				
3	1,649	17				
4	1,622	15				
5	1,563	5				
6	1,510	4	Jacksonville (#7) Orlando (#6) Tampa (#5) Ft. Myers (#11) Sarasota (#9)			
7	1,154	9				
8	1,144	13				
9	870	21				
10	838	12				
11	786	18	Melbourne (#14) Pensacola (#12) Lakeland (#10) Ft. Pierce (#13) Daytona Beach (#15)			
12	761	1				
13	709	10				
14	685	19				
15	650	7				
16	492	8	Gainesville (#19) Naples (#20) Tallahassee (#18) Sanford (#16) Panama City (#22)			
17	440	20				
18	384	2				
19	348	24				
20	343	14				
21	278	23	St. Augustine (#17) Kissimmee (#21) Live Oak (#24) Port Charlotte (#23) Florida Keys (#25)			
22	258	25				
23	183	3				
24	131	22				
25	88	16				
State	20,405					

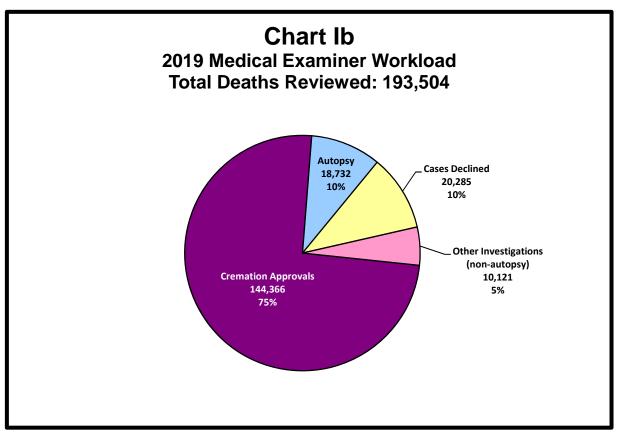
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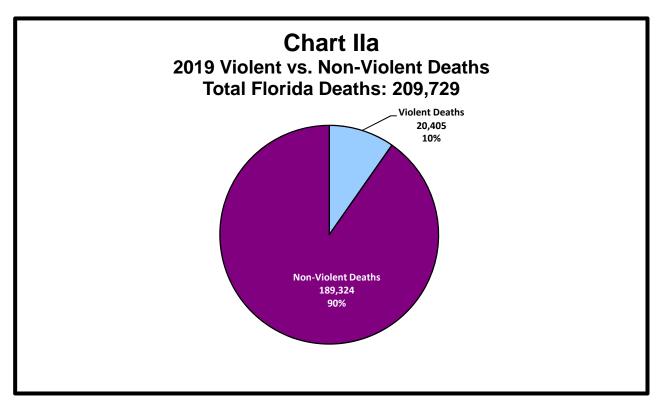
TABLE VII 2019 District Death Rates as Related to Autopsy Rates Deaths/ Autopsies/ Dist **Population Population** 1.10% 0.098% 1 2 0.85% 0.079% 3 0.95% 0.108% 4 0.121% 1.01% 5 1.42% 0.093% 1.27% 0.098% 6 7 1.37% 0.107% 8 1.13% 0.140% 9 0.72% 0.084% 10 1.07% 0.091% 0.065% 0.74% 11 12 1.24% 0.088% 13 0.83% 0.088% 14 1.07% 0.119% 0.093% 1.06% 15 16 0.65% 0.178% 17 0.79% 0.063% 18 1.26% 0.130% 19 1.17% 0.091% 0.94% 0.082% 20 21 0.99% 0.098% 22 1.55% 0.083% 23 0.88% 0.054% 24 0.75% 0.059% 25 0.62% 0.079% State 0.99% 0.088%

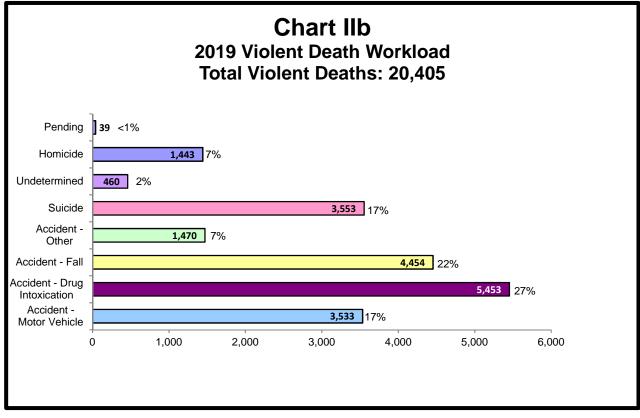
TABLE VIII Fifteen Year Comparison of Violent Death Rates															
Dist	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1	0.867	0.831	0.811	0.805	0.807	0.765	0.788	0.742	0.711	0.821	0.862	0.858	0.909	0.984	0.986
2	0.736	0.640	0.634	0.625	0.624	0.688	0.708	0.745	0.644	0.576	0.611	0.736	0.791	0.798	0.885
3	0.981	0.910	0.990	0.975	0.975	0.956	1.030	0.815	0.820	0.714	0.956	0.848	0.879	1.025	1.045
4	0.802	0.792	0.842	0.835	0.837	0.739	0.775	0.900	0.874	0.879	0.930	1.224	1.292	1.092	1.188
5	0.792	0.782	0.699	0.690	0.685	0.904	0.937	1.007	0.994	1.024	1.145	1.253	1.291	1.340	1.322
6	0.825	0.893	0.909	0.910	0.914	1.014	0.981	0.933	0.897	0.973	0.987	1.082	1.068	1.109	1.175
7	0.867	0.810	0.823	0.818	0.824	1.019	0.943	0.867	0.853	0.817	0.917	0.984	1.141	1.228	1.206
8	1.072	1.049	1.170	1.151	1.141	1.130	1.167	1.153	1.095	0.979	1.109	1.159	1.231	1.322	1.234
9	0.730	0.721	0.702	0.693	0.697	0.645	0.673	0.656	0.642	0.705	0.730	0.815	0.815	0.873	0.833
10	0.569	0.764	0.663	0.657	0.658	0.701	0.663	0.643	0.697	0.711	0.668	0.778	0.800	0.812	0.863
11	0.608	0.621	0.611	0.607	0.608	0.539	0.534	0.536	0.524	0.562	0.594	0.674	0.608	0.601	0.622
12	0.763	0.753	0.746	0.737	0.741	0.741	0.780	0.804	0.781	0.842	1.083	1.118	1.071	0.956	0.986
13	0.864	0.908	0.908	0.902	0.905	0.902	0.860	0.799	0.777	0.747	0.837	0.877	0.793	0.849	0.792
14	0.845	0.927	0.937	0.920	0.919	0.715	0.775	0.743	0.722	0.888	1.012	1.008	1.027	1.089	1.196
15	0.792	0.833	0.904	0.904	0.910	0.723	0.646	0.687	0.750	0.761	0.939	1.176	1.213	1.068	1.120
16	1.226	1.180	1.279	1.328	1.296	1.272	1.390	1.111	1.167	0.979	1.267	1.183	1.392	1.339	1.155
17	0.693	0.666	0.675	0.677	0.683	0.664	0.622	0.646	0.651	0.668	0.745	0.928	0.939	0.838	0.859
18	1.002	0.981	0.880	0.874	0.875	0.854	0.895	0.920	0.925	0.954	1.008	1.188	1.288	1.256	1.322
19	0.827	0.835	0.764	0.754	0.759	0.809	0.805	0.896	0.938	0.847	0.911	1.054	1.044	1.108	1.031
20	0.941	0.946	0.872	0.874	0.874	0.930	0.877	0.843	0.970	1.025	0.983	1.059	1.105	1.135	1.168
21	1.113	1.047	0.993	0.979	0.991	0.887	0.923	0.865	0.765	0.909	1.067	1.047	1.199	1.123	1.104
22	0.669	0.605	0.620	0.615	0.616	0.575	0.611	0.502	0.507	0.552	0.616	0.722	0.660	0.601	0.721
23	0.649	0.624	0.663	0.645	0.643	0.658	0.609	0.532	0.520	0.589	0.539	0.603	0.691	0.730	0.634
24	0.335	0.081	0.409	0.408	0.411	0.435	0.447	0.376	0.428	0.403	0.479	0.666	0.684	0.733	0.738
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State	0.772	0.773	0.775	0.770	0.766	0.772	0.753	0.751	0.744	0.770	0.842	0.949	0.965	0.950	0.962

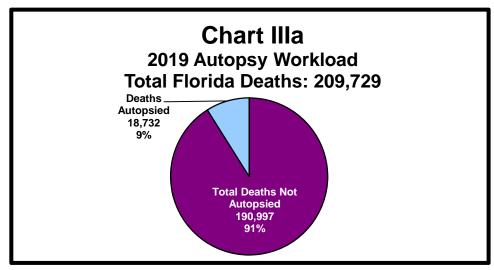
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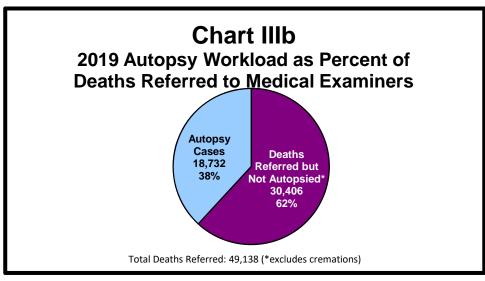


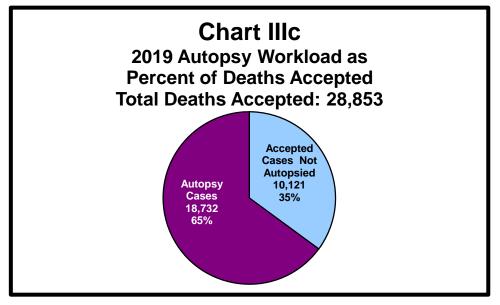


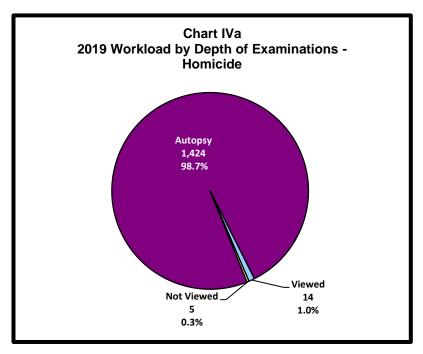


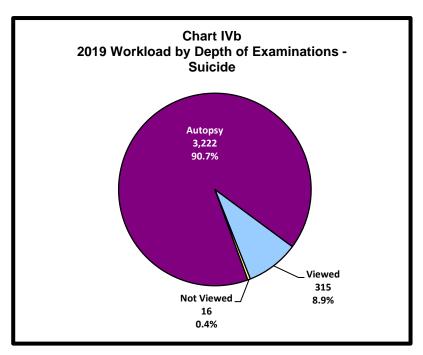


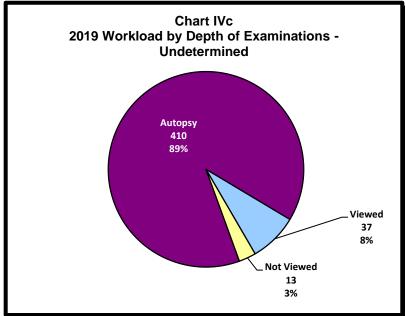


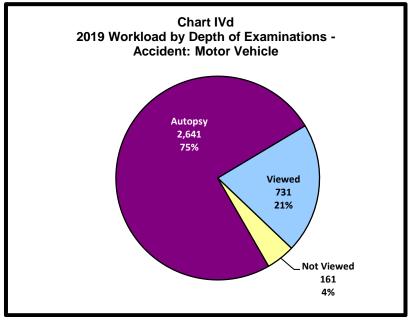


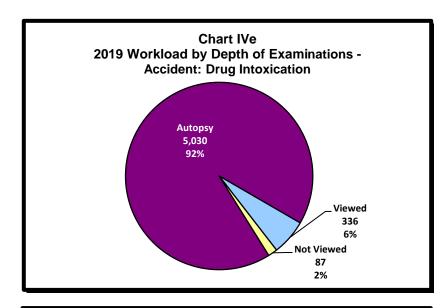


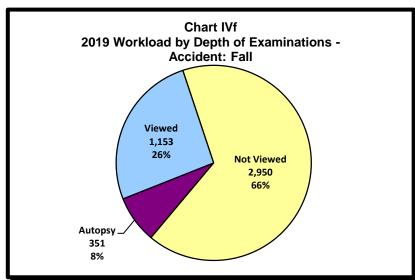


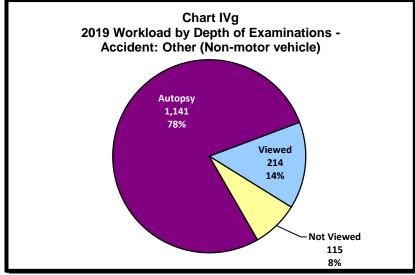


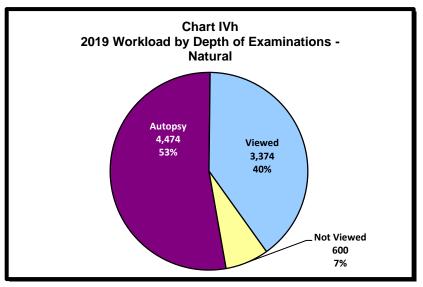


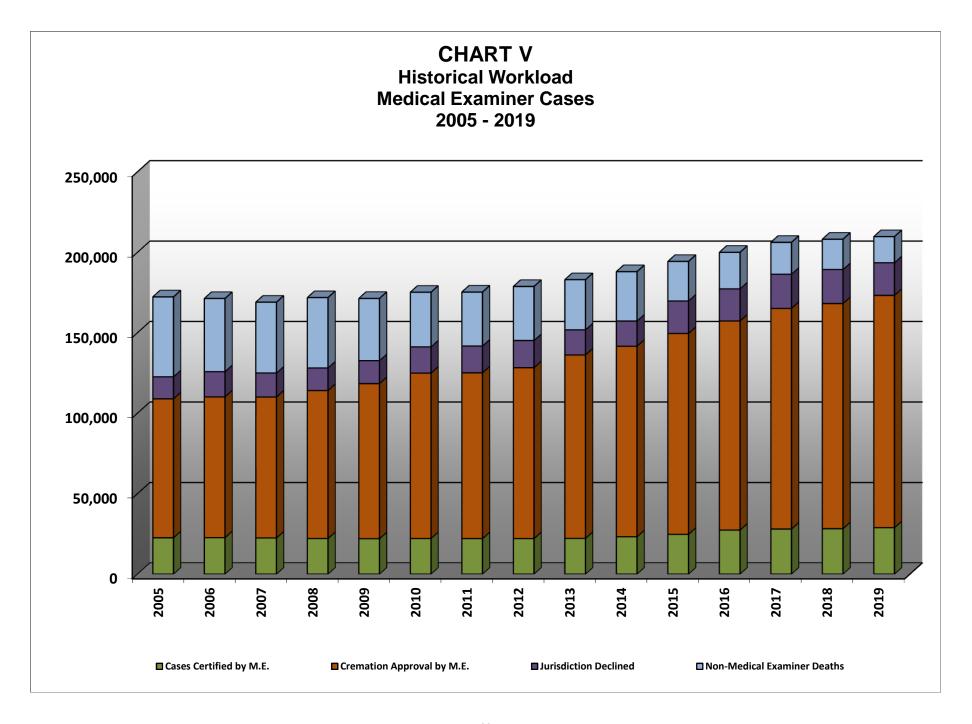












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Funeral Home Industry	Robin Giddens Sheppard	2013	2018	2020	
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1	2021	2024	2027				
2	2021	2024	2027				
3	2021	2024	2027				
4	2021	2024	2027				
5	2021	2024	2027				
6	2021	2024	2027				
7	Home Rule Authority Began 1997						
8	2022						
9	Home Rule Authority Began 2016						
10	2022	2025	2028				
11	Home Rule Authority Began 1992						
12	2022	2025	2028				
13	Home Rule Authority Began 1992						
14	2022	2022 2025					
15	Home Rule Authority Began 1993						
16	2020 2023 2026						
17	Home Rule Authority Began 2011						
18	2020	2023	2026				
19	2020	2023	2026				
20	2020	2023	2026				
21	2020	2023	2026				
22	2020	2023	2026				
23	2020	2023	2026				
24	2020	2020 2023 2026					
25	Home Rule Authority Began 2016						

