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From the Chairman of the Medical Examiners Commission

On behalf of the Medical Examiners Commission, I am pleased to provide this *Annual Workload Report* to each of our district medical examiners. While the Medical Examiners Commission is no longer required to submit this report to the Governor and the Legislature, the information included here is invaluable to the districts. The Medical Examiners Commission continues to believe in the value and worth of compiling this data and in providing it to the public.

The *Report of Drugs Identified in Deceased Persons* provides highly sought after and critical information related to drug deaths. This unique report continues to track the unfortunate results of the abuse of both prescription and illicit drugs. This report assists Florida's state and local agencies in allocating and focusing their precious resources.

The Medical Examiners Commission continues its joint initiative with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the 24 medical examiner districts to resolve the almost 700 unidentified deceased persons in our state. With new technology and advances in forensic science, the initiative is constantly evolving. We will continue to encourage participation and provide access to various resources to reduce the backlog of cases.

Thank you for your on-going professional commitment to providing the State of Florida with high quality medical-legal death investigative services.

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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 2013 to ensure the maintenance of an effective and viable program of medical examiner services throughout Florida.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

New Appointments

Ms. Robin Giddens Sheppard, a licensed funeral home director, was appointed to fill the seat previously held by the late Jon Thomas, LFD, who resigned his appointment on May 1st. Commissioner Giddens Sheppard's term of appointment ends July 1, 2016.

Honorable Rick Beseler, Clay County Sheriff, was appointed for a four-year term to fill the seat vacated by Honorable Robert Peryam, Monroe County sheriff, who retired after 30 years of service. Commissioner Beseler's term of appointment ends July 1, 2017.

Honorable Carol Whitmore, Manatee County Commissioner, was appointed to fill the seat vacated by former Manatee County Commissioner Donna G. Hayes. Commissioner Whitmore's term ends July 1, 2017.

Reappointment

Honorable James Purdy, J.D., Public Defender, 7th Judicial Circuit was reappointed for a four-year term ending on July 1, 2017.

MEDICAL EXAMINER DISTRICTS

In 2013, upon the Commission's recommendation, the Governor reappointed the incumbent district medical examiners for districts 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, and 14.

District 1	Dr. Andrea N. Minyard
District 2	Dr. David T. Stewart
District 5	Dr. Barbara C. Wolf
District 6	Dr. Jon R. Thogmartin
District 8	Dr. William F. Hamilton
District 9	Dr. Jan C. Garavaglia
District 10	Dr. Stephen J. Nelson
District 12	Dr. Russell S. Vega
District 14	Dr. Michael Hunter

The appointment of district medical examiners for Districts 8, 9, 10, 12, and 14 ended on June 30, 2013. To assist the Commission in making recommendations to the Governor, surveys were sent via email to the constituents of these districts to obtain feedback regarding the quality of services provided by the medical examiners in these districts. The response rate was excellent and the overwhelming majority of responses were favorable.

Upon the Governor's request, District 4 formed a search committee to identify additional candidates for the position of District 4 Medical Examiner. At the close of 2013, the search committee had received five applications and scheduled initial interviews with the candidates.

The Commission approved the transfer of service for Lafayette County and Suwannee County from District 4 to District 2.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Joseph Harrison Davis (aka Dr. Joe Davis) passed away on March 19, 2013. Dr. Davis was the chief medical examiner for Miami-Dade County for 40 years. He played an instrumental role in inspiring and drafting Florida's medical examiner legislation. Dr. Davis was a charter member of the Medical Examiners Commission and served for 26 years, nine of them as the chairman.

Jon Charles Thomas, Sr., a licensed funeral director and a member of the Medical Examiners Commission for five years, passed away June 12, 2013.

Mr. Dean Smith passed away Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013. Mr. Smith served the District 9 medical examiner's office for 30 years as a medico-legal death investigator.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

In 2013, Commission staff received seven formal written complaints against district medical examiners or associate medical examiners. All of these complaints alleged misconduct regarding the findings of cause and/or manner of death. Six of the seven complaints were found not legally sufficient by staff, without need for review by a Probable Cause Panel. One case went before a Probable Cause Panel but was found by the Panel to be not legally sufficient.

ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 40th Annual Educational Conference of the Florida Association of Medical Examiners was held in Sarasota, Florida at the Ritz Carlton from July 10th through 12th. Attendance at the conference was approximately 100. The late Dr. Joe Davis, medical examiner for Miami-Dade for over four decades, was honored during the conference.

STATE CHILD FATALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

District 5 Medical Examiner Barbara Wolf, M.D., the Commission's representative on the State Child Abuse Death Review Committee (SCADRC), reported to the Commission at its June meeting that the State Surgeon General and Secretary of the Department of Health, who appoints members to the committee, was working to revamp the SCADRC, and intends to introduce legislation that may eliminate the need for a district medical examiner/licensed forensic pathologist on the committee. The Surgeon General's vision is to have all child abuse death reviews performed by local committees, where the input of a district medical examiner can be provided, and have the state team look at trends. Local child abuse death review committees are formed at the direction of the Surgeon General, pursuant to ss. 383.402(6) - (18), F.S.

Dr. Wolf also addressed HB 725, relating to public records and public meetings exemptions, which was passed by the 2013 Legislature, but vetoed by the Governor. The bill sought to remove the recording requirements for closed meeting portions of the SCADRC and its local counterparts. Dr. Wolf explained that this provision existed in law previously, but was allowed to sunset. HB 725 was an attempt to return confidentiality to closed portions of state and local review team proceedings by eliminating the need for those closed portions to be recorded.

The 2013 Florida Child Abuse Death Review Annual Report is posted on the Florida Department of Health's website and can be viewed at <http://www.floridahealth.gov/alternatesites/flcadr/reports.html>.

UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED INITIATIVE

One success story was reported during 2013. MEC staff partnered with the Missing and Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse (MEPIC) staff to identify the remains of an elderly man reported missing more than 5 years ago.

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); and the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (www.NamUS.gov).

Mr. Michael Nance, the regional system administrator for the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs), was an exhibitor at the Florida International Association for Identification Conference from October 20 – 24, 2013, at the Miami Hilton on Biscayne Boulevard. He was available to provide training on NamUs software changes.

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 2013 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, 2013 were provided by the Finance and Economic Analysis Section of the Executive Office of the Governor. Unless otherwise noted, rates related to population in this report are deaths for every 100,000 residents.

Information concerning autopsy numbers and other workload distribution figures are supplied by each of the 24 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 in July of each year (see tables I and Ia).

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.

TABLE I
2013 District Demographics and Annual Workload Activity Reports

District	Population	Total District Deaths	Natural	Accident: Motor Vehicle	Accident: Non-Motor Vehicle	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 Minus CA	Cases Accepted Minus CA	Jurisdiction Declined	SIDS	Police Custody or Penal Inst.
1	706,334	6,814	216	131	171	135	41	21	3	502	1	1	11	3,596	4,366	4,314	770	718	52	0	9
2	416,084	3,167	172	57	108	63	28	12	0	268	0	1	8	1,404	2,479	1,844	1,075	440	635	0	6
3	171,899	1,587	56	39	62	19	11	10	0	141	0	2	0	676	978	873	302	197	105	2	7
4	1,147,527	10,737	417	182	469	193	124	35	0	1,003	3	2	23	5,841	7,760	7,261	1,919	1,420	499	15	59
5	1,065,258	13,923	359	141	630	221	44	23	0	1,059	3	0	20	10,579	13,062	11,997	2,483	1,418	1,065	0	20
6	1,396,864	17,533	526	188	684	264	73	44	0	1,253	3	1	16	13,426	15,805	15,205	2,379	1,779	600	0	18
7	500,343	6,410	222	101	182	110	27	6	1	427	0	0	9	4,988	5,898	5,637	910	649	261	0	3
8	375,225	4,234	222	120	170	66	35	19	1	411	0	2	2	2,603	3,657	3,236	1,054	633	421	1	134
9	1,491,167	9,745	664	184	467	151	118	36	1	957	2	0	6	6,595	10,268	8,216	3,673	1,621	2,052	0	28
10	742,760	7,371	273	125	237	110	35	11	0	518	2	0	12	4,831	6,297	5,622	1,466	791	675	0	3
11	2,583,021	19,188	891	257	533	237	266	9	52	1,354	1	0	11	8,349	11,715	10,594	3,366	2,245	1,121	0	68
12	757,797	8,909	331	81	303	166	28	13	1	592	0	0	0	6,958	8,529	7,881	1,571	923	648	0	6
13	1,278,702	10,461	889	203	507	178	84	20	1	993	1	0	17	5,946	8,518	7,828	2,572	1,882	690	2	5
14	296,233	3,143	183	50	90	53	17	3	1	214	5	0	1	1,520	2,235	1,917	715	397	318	0	15
15	1,350,078	14,100	385	156	515	218	92	31	0	1,012	1	0	9	6,845	9,115	8,242	2,270	1,397	873	0	7
16	72,834	540	78	19	30	30	3	3	0	85	1	0	3	441	655	604	214	163	51	0	1
17	1,785,823	13,924	590	191	597	209	92	73	0	1,162	1	4	8	6,790	10,508	8,542	3,718	1,752	1,966	2	6
18	549,006	6,378	255	90	251	127	30	6	4	508	0	2	4	4,212	5,538	4,975	1,326	763	563	0	6
19	615,367	6,704	367	89	349	104	27	8	0	577	1	2	6	4,991	6,227	5,935	1,236	944	292	0	13
20	337,029	3,063	158	27	245	37	14	4	0	327	1	1	1	2,395	3,238	2,880	843	485	358	0	0
21	706,052	6,541	339	129	261	113	34	3	0	540	1	0	12	4,921	7,541	5,800	2,620	879	1,741	0	2
22	165,732	2,372	85	16	42	24	2	0	0	84	0	0	0	1,767	2,230	1,936	463	169	294	0	4
23	375,147	3,128	99	53	57	65	15	5	0	195	0	3	2	2,208	2,560	2,502	352	294	58	0	2
24	432,577	2,993	85	32	84	60	5	2	2	185	0	0	1	2,088	2,630	2,358	542	270	272	0	0
State	19,318,859	182,965	7,862	2,661	7,044	2,953	1,245	397	67	14,367	27	21	182	113,970	151,809	136,199	37,839	22,229	15,610	22	422

TABLE Ia
2013 Workload by Depth of Examination

	Natural				Acc: Motor Veh				Acc: Non Motor Veh				Suicide				Homicide				Undetermined				Pending				Totals for 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	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only
1	28	1	187	216	37	64	30	131	74	16	81	171	132	0	3	135	41	0	0	41	21	0	0	21	3	0	0	3	336	81	301
2	61	79	32	172	48	8	1	57	49	41	18	108	63	0	0	63	27	0	1	28	12	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	260	128	52
3	31	17	8	56	37	1	1	39	38	19	5	62	19	0	0	19	11	0	0	11	9	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	145	38	14
4	282	127	8	417	126	52	4	182	247	178	44	469	193	0	0	193	123	0	1	124	35	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	1,006	357	57
5	165	26	168	359	121	3	17	141	212	3	415	630	217	1	3	221	43	0	1	44	22	0	1	23	0	0	0	0	780	33	605
6	256	270	0	526	126	58	4	188	337	141	206	684	254	10	0	264	72	1	0	73	43	1	0	44	0	0	0	0	1,088	481	210
7	111	110	1	222	81	19	1	101	99	82	1	182	104	6	0	110	26	0	1	27	6	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	428	217	4
8	195	27	0	222	111	8	1	120	65	104	1	170	63	3	0	66	35	0	0	35	18	1	0	19	1	0	0	1	488	143	2
9	429	201	34	664	131	47	6	184	253	120	94	467	147	4	0	151	117	1	0	118	33	3	0	36	1	0	0	1	1,111	376	134
10	222	30	21	273	107	10	8	125	152	12	73	237	109	1	0	110	34	1	0	35	11	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	635	54	102
11	552	339	0	891	241	16	0	257	324	129	80	533	234	3	0	237	264	0	2	266	9	0	0	9	50	0	2	52	1,674	487	84
12	191	136	4	331	67	14	0	81	143	144	16	303	164	2	0	166	28	0	0	28	13	0	0	13	1	0	0	1	607	296	20
13	357	477	55	889	181	20	2	203	238	24	245	507	175	3	0	178	84	0	0	84	20	0	0	20	1	0	0	1	1,056	524	302
14	111	57	15	183	36	12	2	50	57	22	11	90	53	0	0	53	17	0	0	17	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	277	92	28
15	257	104	24	385	70	77	9	156	273	49	193	515	209	9	0	218	92	0	0	92	30	1	0	31	0	0	0	0	931	240	226
16	52	26	0	78	19	0	0	19	27	3	0	30	30	0	0	30	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	134	29	0
17	272	307	11	590	79	111	1	191	314	145	138	597	98	111	0	209	92	0	0	92	73	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	928	674	150
18	148	107	0	255	73	17	0	90	126	120	5	251	123	4	0	127	29	0	1	30	6	0	0	6	4	0	0	4	509	248	6
19	199	163	5	367	77	12	0	89	131	120	98	349	104	0	0	104	27	0	0	27	8	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	546	295	103
20	82	66	10	158	25	2	0	27	75	41	129	245	37	0	0	37	14	0	0	14	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	237	109	139
21	180	158	1	339	122	7	0	129	95	164	2	261	113	0	0	113	34	0	0	34	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	547	329	3
22	52	33	0	85	16	0	0	16	35	7	0	42	24	0	0	24	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	129	40	0
23	19	80	0	99	49	4	0	53	43	14	0	57	62	3	0	65	12	3	0	15	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	190	104	0
24	42	43	0	85	32	0	0	32	49	32	3	84	60	0	0	60	5	0	0	5	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	192	75	3
State	4,294	2,984	584	7,862	2,012	562	87	2,661	3,456	1,730	1,858	7,044	2,787	160	6	2,953	1,232	6	7	1,245	388	8	1	397	65	0	2	67	14,234	5,450	2,545

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.

Note: *Pending* means cases were incomplete at the time of data submission.

TABLE II Cases Accepted by Medical Examiners Compared to District Population					
Rank	Dist	Autopsies / Other Investigations	Rank	Dist	Cremation Approvals
1	16	2.238	1	22	10.662
2	8	1.687	2	7	9.969
3	19	1.534	3	5	9.931
4	13	1.472	4	6	9.612
5	20	1.439	5	12	9.182
6	18	1.390	6	19	8.111
7	14	1.340	7	18	7.672
8	5	1.331	8	20	7.106
9	7	1.297	9	21	6.970
10	6	1.274	10	8	6.937
11	21	1.245	11	10	6.504
12	4	1.237	12	16	6.055
13	12	1.218	13	23	5.886
14	3	1.146	14	14	5.131
15	9	1.087	15	1	5.091
16	10	1.065	16	4	5.090
17	2	1.057	17	15	5.070
18	15	1.035	18	24	4.827
19	22	1.020	19	13	4.650
20	1	1.017	20	9	4.423
21	17	0.981	21	3	3.933
22	11	0.869	22	17	3.802
23	23	0.784	23	2	3.374
24	24	0.624	24	11	3.232

TABLE III Autopsies Compared to Total Deaths, Population, and Violent Deaths								
Rank	Dist	Autopsies/ Total Deaths	Rank	Dist	Autopsies/ Population	Rank	Dist	Autopsies/ Violent Deaths
1	16	0.248	1	16	1.840	1	16	1.576
2	8	0.115	2	8	1.301	2	22	1.536
3	9	0.114	3	14	0.935	3	14	1.294
4	13	0.101	4	18	0.927	4	11	1.236
5	4	0.094	5	19	0.887	5	10	1.226
6	3	0.091	6	4	0.877	6	8	1.193
7	14	0.088	7	7	0.855	7	9	1.161
8	11	0.087	8	10	0.855	8	13	1.063
9	10	0.086	9	3	0.844	9	24	1.038
10	21	0.084	10	13	0.826	10	3	1.028
11	2	0.082	11	12	0.801	11	12	1.025
12	19	0.081	12	6	0.779	12	21	1.013
13	18	0.080	13	22	0.778	13	4	1.003
14	20	0.077	14	21	0.775	14	7	1.002
15	12	0.068	15	9	0.745	15	18	1.002
16	7	0.067	16	5	0.732	16	23	0.974
17	17	0.067	17	20	0.703	17	2	0.970
18	15	0.066	18	15	0.690	18	19	0.946
19	24	0.064	19	11	0.648	19	15	0.920
20	6	0.062	20	2	0.625	20	6	0.868
21	23	0.061	21	17	0.520	21	17	0.799
22	5	0.056	22	23	0.506	22	5	0.737
23	22	0.054	23	1	0.476	23	20	0.725
24	1	0.049	24	24	0.444	24	1	0.669

TABLE IV						
Percent of Medical Examiner Cases Autopsied						
District	Natural	Accident: Motor Vehicle	Accident: Non-Motor Vehicle	Suicide	Homicide	Undetermined
1	13.0%	28.2%	43.3%	97.8%	100.0%	100.0%
2	35.5%	84.2%	45.4%	100.0%	96.4%	100.0%
3	55.4%	94.9%	61.3%	100.0%	100.0%	90.0%
4	67.6%	69.2%	52.7%	100.0%	99.2%	100.0%
5	46.0%	85.8%	33.7%	98.2%	97.7%	95.7%
6	48.7%	67.0%	49.3%	96.2%	98.6%	97.7%
7	50.0%	80.2%	54.4%	94.5%	96.3%	100.0%
8	87.8%	92.5%	38.2%	95.5%	100.0%	94.7%
9	64.6%	71.2%	54.2%	97.4%	99.2%	91.7%
10	81.3%	85.6%	64.1%	99.1%	97.1%	100.0%
11	62.0%	93.8%	60.8%	98.7%	99.2%	100.0%
12	57.7%	82.7%	47.2%	98.8%	100.0%	100.0%
13	40.2%	89.2%	46.9%	98.3%	100.0%	100.0%
14	60.7%	72.0%	63.3%	100.0%	100.0%	66.7%
15	66.8%	44.9%	53.0%	95.9%	100.0%	96.8%
16	66.7%	100.0%	90.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
17	46.1%	41.4%	52.6%	46.9%	100.0%	100.0%
18	58.0%	81.1%	50.2%	96.9%	96.7%	100.0%
19	54.2%	86.5%	37.5%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
20	51.9%	92.6%	30.6%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
21	53.1%	94.6%	36.4%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
22	61.2%	100.0%	83.3%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
23	19.2%	92.5%	75.4%	95.4%	80.0%	100.0%
24	49.4%	100.0%	58.3%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
State	54.6%	75.6%	49.1%	94.4%	99.0%	97.7%

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

Ranking	Dist	Mot Veh Acc/ Population	Dist	Non M-V Acc/ Population	Dist	Homicides/ Population	Dist	Suicides/ Population	Dist	Total Violent/ Population
1	8	0.320	20	0.727	4	0.108	16	0.412	16	1.167
2	16	0.261	5	0.591	11	0.103	18	0.231	8	1.095
3	3	0.227	19	0.567	8	0.093	7	0.220	5	0.994
4	7	0.202	6	0.490	9	0.079	12	0.219	20	0.970
5	1	0.185	18	0.457	15	0.068	5	0.207	19	0.938
6	21	0.183	8	0.453	2	0.067	1	0.191	18	0.925
7	14	0.169	16	0.412	13	0.066	6	0.189	6	0.897
8	10	0.168	4	0.409	3	0.064	14	0.179	4	0.874
9	18	0.164	12	0.400	1	0.058	8	0.176	7	0.853
10	13	0.159	13	0.396	14	0.057	23	0.173	3	0.820
11	4	0.159	15	0.381	18	0.055	19	0.169	12	0.781
12	19	0.145	21	0.370	7	0.054	4	0.168	13	0.777
13	23	0.141	7	0.364	6	0.052	15	0.161	21	0.765
14	2	0.137	3	0.361	17	0.052	21	0.160	15	0.750
15	6	0.135	17	0.334	21	0.048	2	0.151	14	0.722
16	5	0.132	10	0.319	10	0.047	10	0.148	1	0.711
17	9	0.123	9	0.313	19	0.044	22	0.145	10	0.697
18	15	0.116	14	0.304	20	0.042	13	0.139	17	0.651
19	17	0.107	2	0.260	5	0.041	24	0.139	2	0.644
20	12	0.107	22	0.253	16	0.041	17	0.117	9	0.642
21	11	0.099	1	0.242	23	0.040	3	0.111	11	0.524
22	22	0.097	11	0.206	12	0.037	20	0.110	23	0.520
23	20	0.080	24	0.194	22	0.012	9	0.101	22	0.507
24	24	0.074	23	0.152	24	0.012	11	0.092	24	0.428

TABLE VI Ranking of Districts by Number of Violent Deaths			
Rank	Violent Deaths	District	Geographical Area of Florida with Population Ranking (#)
1	1,354	11	Miami (#1)
2	1,253	6	St. Petersburg (#4)
3	1,162	17	Ft. Lauderdale (#2)
4	1,059	5	Leesburg (#8)
5	1,012	15	Palm Beach (#5)
6	1,003	4	Jacksonville (#7)
7	993	13	Tampa (#6)
8	957	9	Orlando (#3)
9	592	12	Sarasota (#9)
10	577	19	Ft. Pierce (#13)
11	540	21	Ft. Myers (#12)
12	518	10	Lakeland (#10)
13	508	18	Melbourne (#14)
14	502	1	Pensacola (#11)
15	427	7	Daytona Beach (#15)
16	411	8	Gainesville (#18)
17	327	20	Naples (#20)
18	268	2	Tallahassee (#17)
19	214	14	Panama City (#21)
20	195	23	St. Augustine (#19)
21	185	24	Sanford (#16)
22	141	3	Live Oak (#22)
23	85	16	Florida Keys (#24)
24	84	22	Port Charlotte (#23)
State	14,367		

TABLE VII District Death Rates Compared to Autopsy Rates		
Dist	Deaths/Population	Autopsies/Population
1	0.96%	0.05%
2	0.76%	0.06%
3	0.92%	0.08%
4	0.94%	0.09%
5	1.31%	0.07%
6	1.26%	0.08%
7	1.28%	0.09%
8	1.13%	0.13%
9	0.65%	0.07%
10	0.99%	0.09%
11	0.74%	0.06%
12	1.18%	0.08%
13	0.82%	0.08%
14	1.06%	0.09%
15	1.04%	0.07%
16	0.74%	0.18%
17	0.78%	0.05%
18	1.16%	0.09%
19	1.09%	0.09%
20	0.91%	0.07%
21	0.93%	0.08%
22	1.43%	0.08%
23	0.83%	0.05%
24	0.69%	0.04%
State	0.95%	0.07%

TABLE VIII
Fifteen Year Comparison of SIDS Deaths

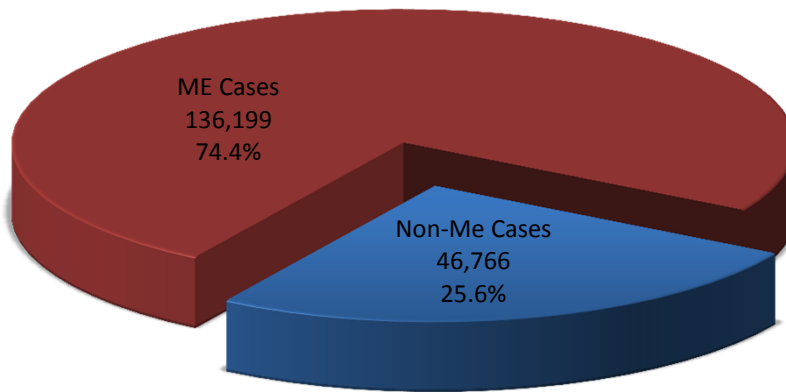
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2	6	2	1	0	2	2	0	2	0	4	1	2	1	0	0
3	1	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	2
4	8	15	7	6	9	7	8	4	3	5	3	10	5	0	15
5	9	1	6	3	2	2	8	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	4	6	4	2	2	4	7	5	1	2	4	1	2	2	0
8	5	3	3	6	8	7	0	5	2	9	3	0	0	1	1
9	13	3	11	17	11	8	12	10	6	5	6	10	10	20	0
10	15	10	3	5	7	7	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
11	9	8	0	4	2	0	2	5	4	1	0	2	2	3	0
12	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
13	13	10	13	10	4	6	7	5	8	7	5	5	8	4	2
14	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0
15	2	1	1	3	2	1	2	0	2	0	2	4	0	1	0
16	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
17	4	10	9	2	8	5	3	5	5	2	1	7	8	4	2
18	0	5	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
19	2	2	2	4	0	2	4	2	8	1	3	2	2	0	0
20	0	1	1	0	2	2	2	2	1	2	0	2	0	0	0
21	2	5	2	1	3	3	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	0
22	0	2	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	0
23	0	3	1	0	2	2	7	4	4	5	2	3	2	0	0
24	7	2	6	3	0	2	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0
State	151	137	115	118	102	80	73	58	51	50	36	55	48	44	22

TABLE IX
Fifteen Year Comparison of Violent Death Rates

Dist	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
1	0.517	0.576	0.664	0.714	0.763	0.787	0.867	0.831	0.811	0.805	0.807	0.765	0.788	0.742	0.711
2	0.554	0.688	0.530	0.621	0.359	0.560	0.736	0.640	0.634	0.625	0.624	0.688	0.708	0.745	0.644
3	0.660	0.749	0.690	0.976	0.773	0.848	0.981	0.910	0.990	0.975	0.975	0.956	1.030	0.815	0.820
4	0.620	0.634	0.703	0.740	0.743	0.793	0.802	0.792	0.842	0.835	0.837	0.739	0.775	0.900	0.874
5	0.587	0.702	0.784	0.796	0.755	0.711	0.792	0.782	0.699	0.690	0.685	0.904	0.937	1.007	0.994
6	0.642	0.647	0.721	0.766	0.805	0.846	0.825	0.893	0.909	0.910	0.914	1.014	0.981	0.933	0.897
7	0.724	0.652	0.670	0.814	0.769	0.838	0.867	0.810	0.823	0.818	0.824	1.019	0.943	0.867	0.853
8	0.672	0.733	0.705	0.802	0.947	0.905	1.072	1.049	1.170	1.151	1.141	1.130	1.167	1.153	1.095
9	0.664	0.621	0.655	0.615	0.617	0.695	0.730	0.721	0.702	0.693	0.697	0.645	0.673	0.656	0.642
10	0.614	0.622	0.641	0.669	0.665	0.788	0.569	0.764	0.663	0.657	0.658	0.701	0.663	0.643	0.697
11	0.648	0.598	0.585	0.615	0.586	0.584	0.608	0.621	0.611	0.607	0.608	0.539	0.534	0.536	0.524
12	0.559	0.627	0.634	0.554	0.689	0.731	0.763	0.753	0.746	0.737	0.741	0.741	0.780	0.804	0.781
13	0.818	0.795	0.797	0.896	0.879	0.847	0.864	0.908	0.908	0.902	0.905	0.902	0.860	0.799	0.777
14	0.669	0.847	0.884	0.863	0.891	0.844	0.845	0.927	0.937	0.920	0.919	0.715	0.775	0.743	0.722
15	0.659	0.660	0.700	0.691	0.789	0.774	0.792	0.833	0.904	0.904	0.910	0.723	0.646	0.687	0.750
16	1.126	0.741	1.464	1.085	1.242	1.120	1.226	1.180	1.279	1.328	1.296	1.272	1.390	1.111	1.167
17	0.625	0.544	0.609	0.649	0.641	0.646	0.693	0.666	0.675	0.677	0.683	0.664	0.622	0.646	0.651
18	0.583	0.701	0.750	0.888	0.872	0.848	1.002	0.981	0.880	0.874	0.875	0.854	0.895	0.920	0.925
19	0.622	0.675	0.858	0.867	0.897	0.951	0.827	0.835	0.764	0.754	0.759	0.809	0.805	0.896	0.938
20	0.797	0.704	0.756	0.836	0.838	0.865	0.941	0.946	0.872	0.874	0.874	0.930	0.877	0.843	0.970
21	0.927	0.912	0.956	0.941	0.929	1.082	1.113	1.047	0.993	0.979	0.991	0.887	0.923	0.865	0.765
22	0.497	0.551	0.505	0.485	0.507	0.682	0.669	0.605	0.620	0.615	0.616	0.575	0.611	0.502	0.507
23	0.735	0.723	0.630	0.694	0.680	0.695	0.649	0.624	0.663	0.645	0.643	0.658	0.609	0.532	0.520
24	0.342	0.318	0.299	0.335	0.385	0.357	0.335	0.081	0.409	0.408	0.411	0.435	0.447	0.376	0.428
State	0.647	0.647	0.682	0.715	0.721	0.748	0.772	0.773	0.775	0.770	0.766	0.772	0.753	0.751	0.744

Note: The 2012 State total death rate was updated to correct an error on the 2012 report.

Chart Ia
2013 Medical Examiner Jurisdiction
Total Florida Deaths: 182,965



** Includes 15,610 Cases Reviewed but Jurisdiction Declined*
*** Includes Cases Accepted and Cremation Approvals*

Chart Ib
2013 Medical Examiner Workload
Total Deaths Reviewed: 151,809

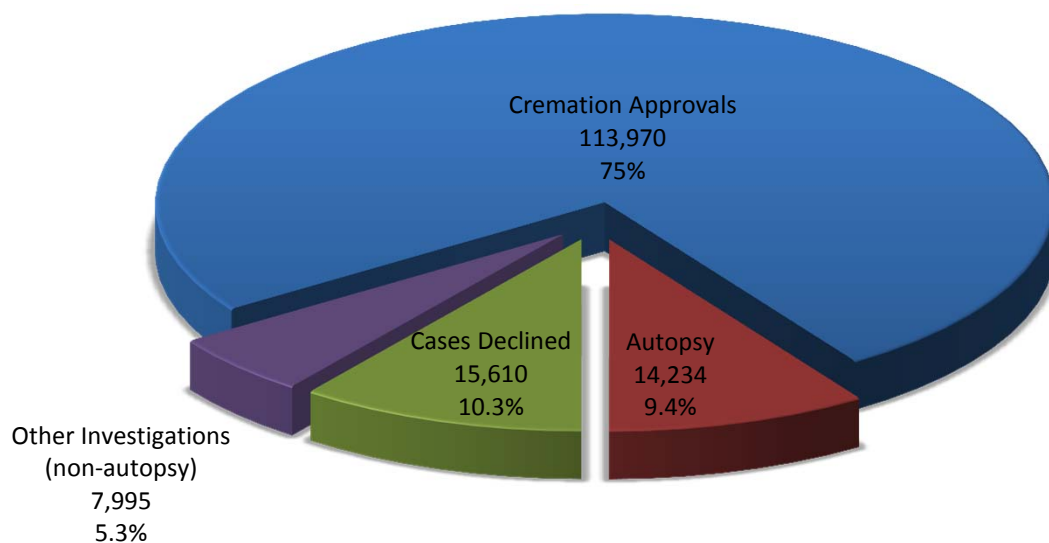


Chart IIa
2013 Violent vs. Non-Violent Deaths
Total Florida Deaths: 182,965

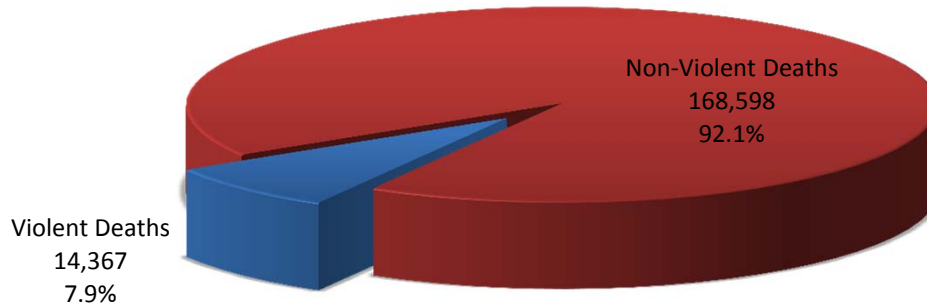


Chart IIb
2013 Violent Death Workload
Total Violent Deaths: 14,365

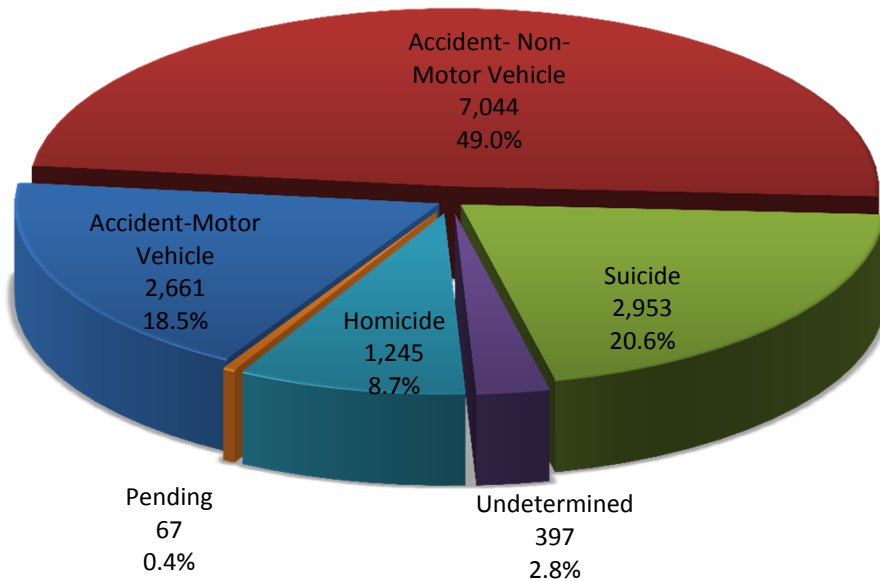


Chart IIIa
2013 Autopsy Workload
Total Florida Deaths: 182,965

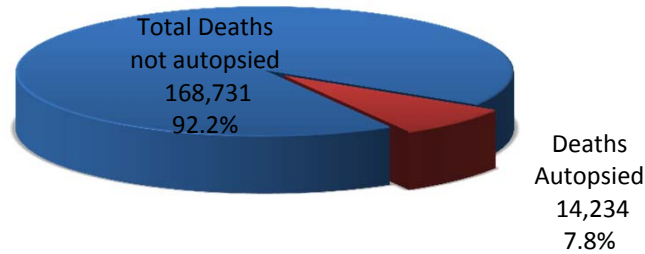
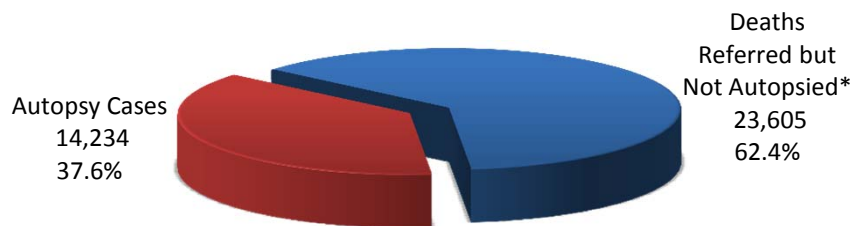


Chart IIIb
2013 Autopsy Workload as Percent of
Deaths Referred to Medical Examiners
Total Deaths Referred: 37,839*



*Excludes Cremations

Chart IIIc
2013 Autopsy Workload as
Percent of Deaths Accepted
Total Deaths Accepted: 22,229

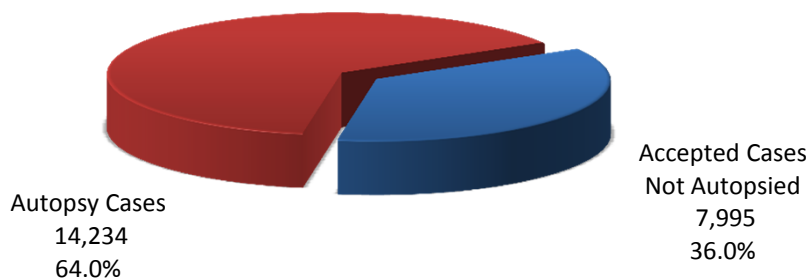


Chart IVa
Workload by Depth of Examinations -
Homicide
Total Homicides: 1,245

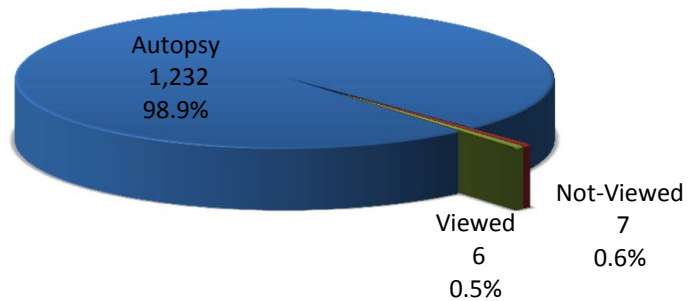


Chart IVb
Workload by Depth of Examinations -
Suicide
Total Suicides: 2,953

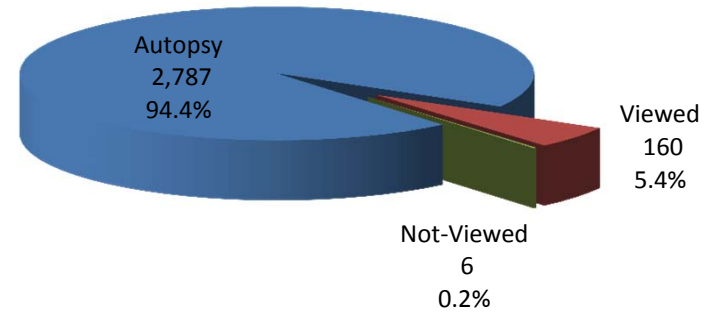


Chart IVc
Workload by Depth of Examinations -
Undetermined
Total Undetermined: 397

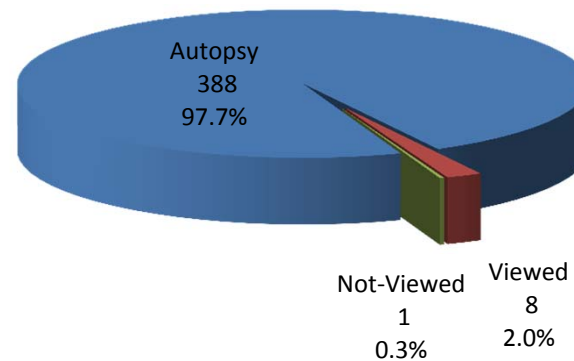


Chart IVd
Workload by Depth of Examinations -
Accident: Motor Vehicle
Total Accident: Motor Vehicle: 2,661

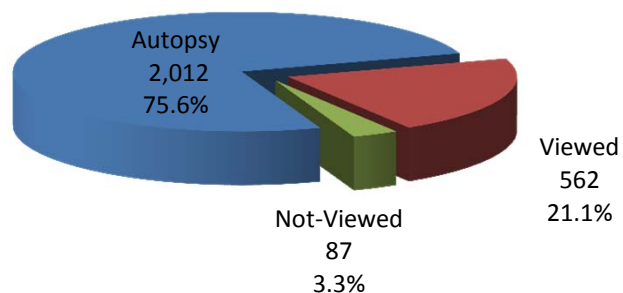


Chart IVe
Workload by Depth of Examinations -
Accident: Non-Motor Vehicle
Total Accident: Non-Motor Vehicle: 7,044

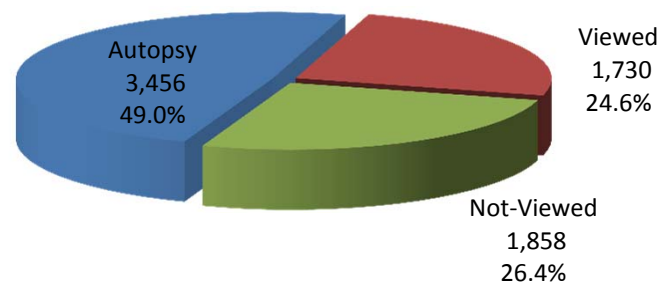
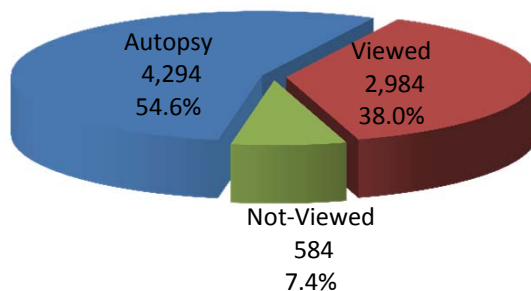
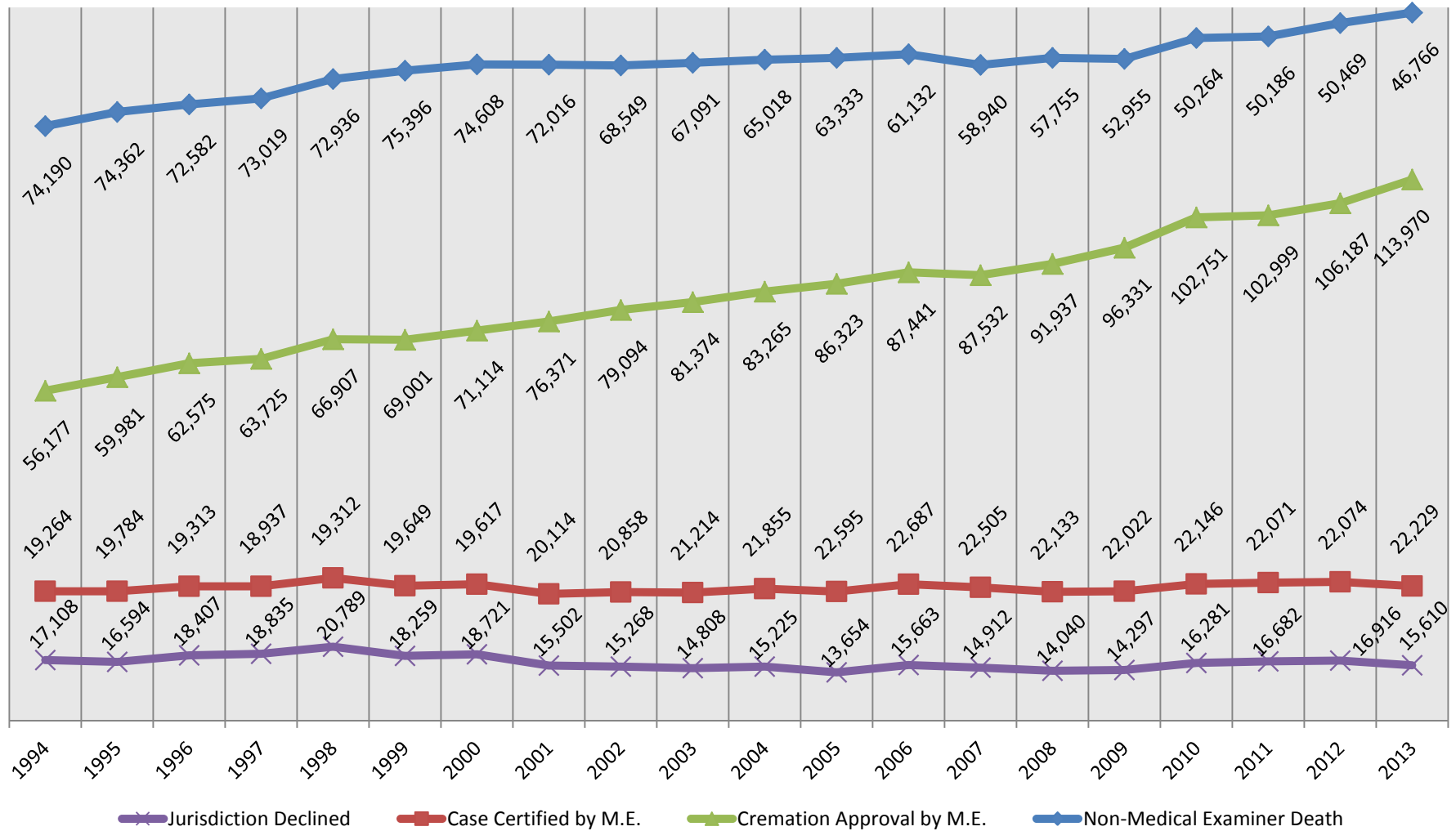


Chart IVf
Workload by Depth of Examinations -
Natural
Total Natural: 7,862



Historical Workload Medical Examiner Cases Compared to All Florida Deaths 1994 - 2013



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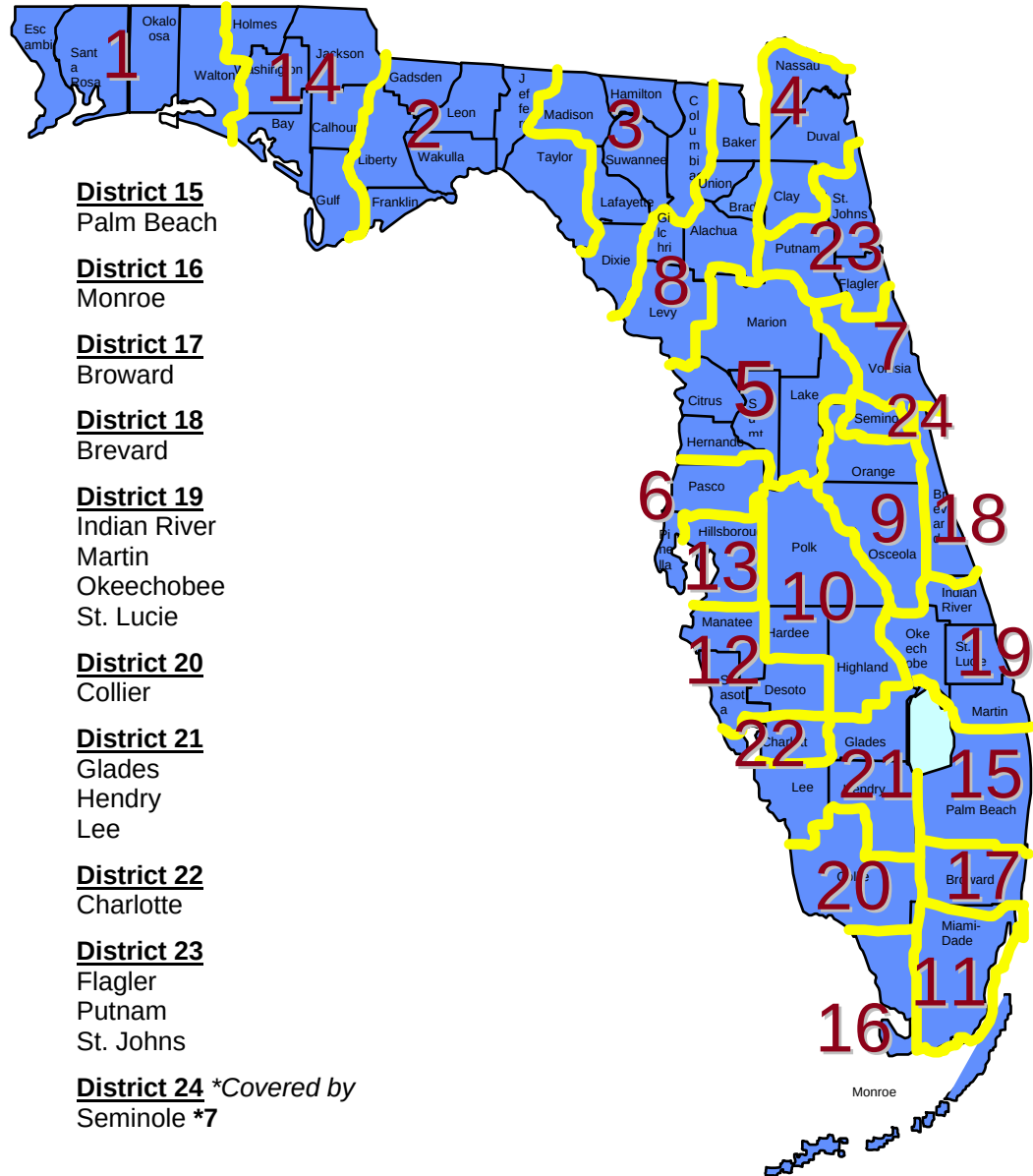
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1	2012	2015	2018
2	2012	2015	2018
3	2012	2015	2018
4	2012	2015	2018
5	2012	2015	2018
6	2012	2015	2018
7	Home Rule Authority Began 1997		
8	2013	2016	2019
9	2013	2016	2019
10	2013	2016	2019
11	Home Rule Authority Began 1992		
12	2013	2016	2019
13	Home Rule Authority Began 1992		
14	2013	2016	2019
15	Home Rule Authority Began 1993		
16	2014	2017	2020
17	Home Rule Authority Began 2011		
18	2014	2017	2020
19	2014	2017	2020
20	2014	2017	2020
21	2014	2017	2020
22	2014	2017	2020
23	2014	2017	2020
24	2014	2017	2020



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