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From the Medical Examiners Commission Chairman

On behalf of the Medical Examiners Commission, as its Chairman, I am pleased to submit this annual report to Governor Bush and to the Florida Legislature, "...setting forth the activities and findings of the several district medical examiners." A copy of this annual report is also provided to each Board of County Commissioners, as it is county government which is the sole source of funding for Florida's 24 medical examiner districts.

It was with sadness that we began 2002 with the death of former Commission member Arthur C. "Skip" Walberg from multiple myeloma on January 27th. For 12 years Skip represented the Attorney General on our Commission. He was a big guy; gregarious and funny, but most of all he was a sharp attorney who was never shy about voicing his opinion. We were also saddened by the death of former District 6 Associate Medical Examiner Nicholas Hartshorne, M.D. while BASE jumping in Switzerland. Commission member Willie J. Junior, L.F.D., an Escambia County Commissioner was indicted by the Grand Jury there and then removed from his elected office by Governor Bush. As such, he also ceased to be our County Commissioner representative. His replacement, the Hon. Lane C. Rees, Walton County Commission Chairman and a human resources specialist, was appointed before the end of 2002. Our long-time Program Administrator, Dale H. Heideman retired after 33 years of dedicated service to FDLE, including Deputy Director. Mr. Heideman was instrumental in the development of the current design of the FDLE Headquarters building in Tallahassee. He is currently the Deputy Director of the National Center for Forensic Science at the University of Central Florida, a program of the National Institute of Justice hosted by the University of Central Florida. The National Center for Forensic Science provides research, education, training, tools and technology to meet the current and future needs of the forensic science, investigative and criminal justice communities. Personnel changes continued into 2002. Perhaps the shortest gubernatorial appointment was Dr. E. Hunt Scheuerman who was appointed as District 14 Medical Examiner by Governor Bush on January 4, 2002 and then resigned on November 1, 2002. That short tenure, though unusual, has become the norm there in Panama City, and they have yet to find another permanent replacement. The Medical Examiners Commission welcomed Margarita Arruza, M.D. as District Medical Examiner in the Jacksonville area (District 4). District 3 also contracts with District 4 for service, so Dr. Arruza is responsible for the largest forensic pathology service area in the Northeast of our State, serving 9 counties. Michael D. Hunter, M.D. is also welcomed as another new District Medical Examiner. Dr. Hunter relocated from Sarasota to take charge in Monroe County (District 16) where plans are underway for a new free-standing medical examiners facility there.

We forged a successful collaboration with the State Fire Marshal's laboratory in Tallahassee. This provides for their laboratory analysis of both ignitable liquids from crime scenes and tissue samples from autopsy. We thank Carl Chasteen for his initiative. Discipline continues to be a continuous and increasing portion of the Commission's duties. In 2002, the Commission investigated various complaints against medical examiners, including 56 counts against the Chief and four Associate medical examiners in the Broward County office (District 17) for failing to follow administrative rules. Recognizing how important timely drug data is to our law enforcement and treatment colleagues around the State, the Medical Examiners Commission has expanded our drug collection data to include more drugs and illicit substances than ever before. When the Commission first began collecting such data in the 1980's we only collected cocaine and heroin. We now provide biannual reports on over a dozen of the most commonly abused medications. Continuing in response to the tragedy of September 11th, Florida's medical examiners have taken the first step in the development of Florida's own Disaster Mortuary Operations Response Team (D-MORT) named "FEMORS" (Florida Emergency Mortuary Operations Response System). And seven of our medical examiner offices have expressed interest in grant funding from the federal Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act. Unfortunately Florida's entire grant allocation was \$186,120 to be divided between our States crime laboratories and medical examiners.

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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. Section 406.02(4)(a), Florida Statutes, requires a report to the Governor and to the Legislature correlating and setting forth the activities and findings of the several district medical examiners. This report is submitted in compliance with the requirement cited above and illustrates the direction taken by the Medical Examiners Commission during 2002 to assure the maintenance of an effective and viable program of medical examiner services throughout Florida.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Medical examiners in Florida continue to have some level of oversight over approximately two-thirds of the deaths in Florida, even if their jurisdiction is declined through an inquiry of the facts surrounding the death. Consistent with the national average, about 10% of all deaths in Florida, or about 16,000 of the 168,000 deaths in 2002, were autopsied by medical examiners. These were cases in which jurisdiction to investigate the death by the medical examiner was claimed under Florida Statutes.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Lane C. Rees, a County Commissioner from Walton County, assumed the duties as the County Commissioner Representative on the Medical Examiners Commission after being appointed by Governor Bush in June of 2002. Mr. Rees graduated from Texas A&M University in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in business administration and management. He received his master's degree in educational administration from Texas A&M in 1978. Previously, he was Senior Human Resources Manager for Atlantic Richfield Company where he was employed for 20 years. His most recent assignment was with ARCO International Oil and Gas Company where he was responsible for exploration and commercial organizations. Mr. Rees presently runs his own business consulting firm in Walton County.

DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER REAPPOINTMENTS

In 2002 the District Medical Examiners from Districts 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 were reappointed by the Governor for additional three year terms:

District 17:	Dr. Joshua A. Perper
District 18:	Dr. Paulino O. Vasallo
District 19:	Dr. Roger E. Mittleman
District 20:	Dr. Marta U. Coburn
District 21:	Dr. Rebecca A. Hamilton
District 22:	Dr. Riazul H. Imami
District 23:	Dr. Terrence R. Steiner

DISTRICT 4

Dr. Margarita Arruza was appointed to the position of District Medical Examiner for District 4 by Governor Bush in 2002 to fill the unexpired term which ends July 1, 2003. Dr. Arruza has been an Associate Medical Examiner in Jacksonville for almost twenty years and was the Interim Medical Examiner during the search process.

DISTRICT 14

In January of 2002 Governor Bush appointed the Commission's nominee, Dr. Hunt Scheuerman, to the position of District 14 Medical Examiner. Dr. Scheuerman had previously been serving in the position of Interim Medical Examiner since September of 2000. However, Dr. Scheuerman resigned the position of District Medical Examiner at the end of November 2002. Dr. Thomas R. Beaver accepted the position as Interim Medical Examiner and has arranged for coverage during the new search process.

DISTRICT 16

Dr. Michael E. Hunter was appointed to the position of District 16 Medical Examiner in October of 2002 after a lengthy search. Dr. Hunter was an Associate Medical Examiner in Sarasota (District 12) before taking the position in the Keys.

RETIREMENT

MEC Program Administrator Dale Heideman retired in January of 2002 from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement after thirty four years of service. Dale was assigned to the Commission staff for a total of eleven years during his tenure at FDLE. A resolution read at the May meeting honored him for his many years of dedication and service. Dale has started another career as the Deputy Director of the National Center for Forensic Sciences in Orlando, Florida.

NEW PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Vickie Marsey took over as the new Program and Policy Administrator for the Commission. Vickie brings the leadership and experience that she has gained while working in a similar position at FDLE on the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission since 1996.

IN MEMORIUM

A longtime friend of the Medical Examiners Commission, Arthur C. "Skip" Wallberg passed away on January 27, 2002 after a long fight with cancer. Skip was the Attorney General Representative on the Commission for the thirteen year period from 1981 until 1993. Many present and past members of the Commission and staff attended Skip's memorial service in Tallahassee.

PROBABLE CAUSE PANELS

Three Probable Cause Panels (PCP) were convened in 2002. One PCP was held to consider a complaint against Dr. Margarita Arruza (Dt. 4) for failing to assume jurisdiction of a case. The others were held to consider the failure of Dr. Joshua Perper (Dt. 17) and the District 17 Associate Medical Examiners to perform timely toxicology examinations for all suicide cases. Probable cause was found by all of these panels and, in accordance with MEC disciplinary statute and procedures, written reprimands were issued by the Commission to the physicians involved.

2002 LEGISLATION AFFECTING MEDICAL EXAMINERS

On October 1, 2002, Section 119.0721, Florida Statutes, became effective. This law requires the redaction of Social Security Numbers from responses to public records requests. Additionally, Section 740.002(18), Florida Statutes, was amended to preclude a spouse from being included in the definition of a "legally authorized person" if that surviving spouse has been arrested for an act of domestic violence against the decedent.

FLORIDA EMERGENCY MORTUARY OPERATIONS RESPONSE SYSTEM (FEMORS)

The State of Florida, through a grant by the Florida Department of Health in its disaster preparedness effort, has joined forces with the William R. Maples Center for Forensic Medicine to develop and implement protocols to respond to a mass fatalities incident within its borders. This response will utilize trained personnel from multiple state and local agencies, as well as other specialized resources, in the event of a human-made or natural catastrophic incident. The investigative and identification process in a mass fatality situation is a multidisciplinary endeavor requiring multiple forensic and medical specialists to come together rapidly often under adverse conditions.

The rapid and accurate identification of the victims of a mass fatality incident is of critical importance to any disaster mitigation operation. Issues of probate cannot be resolved pending the death certificate. The FEMORS task force duties include: initial scene response and evaluation, processing the scene, temporary morgue operations and administration, and the roles of various forensic units within the morgue (e.g., pathologist, anthropologist, odontologist, radiologist, fingerprint specialist, DNA analyst, funeral director, and others), victim identification, disposition of human remains (embalming/casketing), personal effects, and evidence.

VIOLENT CRIME AND DRUG CONTROL COUNCIL (VCDCC)

The Violent Crime and Drug Control Council is composed of fourteen members, one of which is a medical examiner. In January 2002, the Violent Crime and Drug Control Council (VCDCC) received its first bio-terrorism funding request from a law enforcement entity. In October 2001, the City of Boca Raton became the first site of bio-terrorism in the United States following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Two (2) employees of American Media, Incorporated (AMI), were the first victims of inhalation anthrax. The FBI was designated as the lead law enforcement agency for this murder investigation; however, it was the Boca Raton Police Department and Fire-Rescue Services Hazardous Material Team that secured the crime scene, managed the press and conducted ancillary investigations. The AMI incident was an enormous and unexpected expense on the operating budget of the City of Boca Raton. The Council moved to fund a request in the amount of \$70,162.00 in support of this violent crime investigation.

This past year also marked the first time that drug cases were awarded funds in the wake of the expansion of the Council to include drug trafficking and money laundering investigative efforts. During fiscal year 2001-2002, the Council provided nearly \$2 million in drug control funding to 28 cases involving partnerships between nearly 70 local, state and federal agencies.

STATE CHILD FATALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Dr. Michael Bell was the Commission's representative on the Florida Child Abuse Death Review Program and was also its Chairman in 2001. This Committee was established by statute in s. 383.402, F.S., in 1999, and is administered by the Florida Department of Health. It utilizes state and local multidisciplinary teams to conduct detailed reviews of the facts and circumstances surrounding child abuse and neglect deaths in

which at least one report of abuse or neglect was accepted by the Florida Abuse Hotline Information System within the Department of Children and Families (DCF). The purpose of the program is to develop and implement data-driven recommendations for reducing child abuse and neglect deaths. To that end, the committee has made several recommendations for guidelines in child death investigation as well as establishing a datasheet for generating a database for use by Child Abuse Death Review Teams. The Committee recommends that medical examiners become active in their local Child Death Review Teams.

ORGAN AND TISSUE PROCUREMENT AND TRANSPLANTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Dr. Marta Coburn (Dt. 20) was the Commission's representative on the Organ and Tissue Procurement and Transplantation Advisory Board which is housed in Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA.) This board met only once in 2002 and this meeting was in conjunction with a Rules Revision Workshop. Proposed rule changes were discussed and further refinements to the Organ and Tissue Procurement Administrative Rule were expected in 2003.

ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 30th Annual Medical Examiners Educational Conference was held this year in Gainesville, Florida and began on August 21, 2002. The conference was hosted by Dr. Bruce Goldberger from The William R. Maples Center for Forensic Medicine, and by Dr. William Hamilton and the District 8 Medical Examiner's Office. The theme was *Tragedy to Triumph: Responding to Terrorism, New Challenges to Pathology, and a Fresh Perspective on Cold Cases*. The program had over 100 attendees.

METHODOLOGY

Death numbers in Florida reflect the total number of Certificates of Death recorded in 2002 by local county registrars of vital statistics. These include both resident and non-resident deaths. This data was obtained from the Office of Vital Statistics in the Department of Health. Rates related to deaths in this report *are medical examiner cases per every one thousand recorded deaths*.

Population estimates (as of April 1, 2002) for the State of Florida were provided by the Finance & Economic Analysis Section of the Executive Office of the Governor. Unless otherwise noted, rates related to population in this report are *deaths for every one thousand residents*.

Information concerning autopsy numbers and other workload distribution figures are supplied by the twenty-four medical examiner districts in their Annual Report Workload Data Forms. These forms are filed annually with the Medical Examiners Commission staff in April or May of each year. (See Tables I and I-A).

TABLE I
2002 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.
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U
1	646,933	5,853	444	136	180	101	28	16	1	462	0	2	5	1,810	4,181	2,716	2,371	906	1,465	2	6
2	368,546	2,768	191	63	87	34	19	5	21	229	0	0	1	613	1,583	1,033	970	420	550	0	9
3	148,620	1,458	64	63	38	29	8	7	0	145	0	1	0	464	742	673	278	209	69	0	3
4	1,020,389	9,142	365	189	265	157	120	24	0	755	0	3	23	3,405	4,875	4,525	1,470	1,120	350	6	36
5	823,008	11,153	463	203	253	157	36	3	3	655	0	0	9	6,242	7,836	7,360	1,594	1,118	476	3	11
6	1,295,462	17,958	497	250	407	227	73	35	0	992	1	0	26	11,318	14,426	12,807	3,108	1,489	1,619	0	6
7	459,737	6,080	213	117	115	85	31	13	13	374	0	3	8	3,321	4,347	3,908	1,026	587	439	2	2
8	342,946	3,458	197	87	98	53	12	19	6	275	1	0	0	1,405	2,099	1,877	694	472	222	6	73
9	1,149,220	8,849	530	281	208	131	77	7	3	707	6	2	0	4,141	6,274	5,378	2,133	1,237	896	17	8
10	618,860	6,419	384	163	120	86	36	9	0	414	1	0	11	3,039	4,177	3,837	1,138	798	340	5	4
11	2,312,478	18,885	1,570	462	415	235	226	2	82	1,422	9	6	12	5,939	9,137	8,931	3,198	2,992	206	4	37
12	649,844	8,240	332	80	148	103	26	3	0	360	1	3	0	5,488	6,608	6,180	1,120	692	428	1	4
13	1,055,617	9,676	846	306	384	146	87	23	0	946	3	5	23	4,490	6,971	6,282	2,481	1,792	689	10	14
14	268,683	2,689	236	59	108	37	15	8	5	232	0	1	4	746	1,626	1,214	880	468	412	1	6
15	1,183,197	13,844	370	215	379	155	43	24	2	818	2	2	13	5,790	8,151	6,978	2,361	1,188	1,173	3	10
16	81,140	659	79	12	49	21	3	2	1	88	0	0	3	433	616	600	183	167	16	1	1
17	1,669,153	15,557	767	209	416	280	93	46	40	1,084	3	6	3	6,111	9,731	7,962	3,620	1,851	1,769	2	4
18	494,102	5,273	235	121	189	87	18	24	0	439	1	2	14	2,635	4,316	3,309	1,681	674	1,007	1	5
19	489,111	5,607	391	120	205	72	24	3	0	424	0	2	6	2,995	3,836	3,810	841	815	26	4	4
20	277,457	2,473	128	55	134	33	7	0	3	232	0	0	2	1,554	2,114	1,914	560	360	200	0	0
21	521,891	5,668	335	116	230	82	47	6	10	491	2	0	9	3,534	6,474	4,360	2,940	826	2,114	1	4
22	148,521	2,242	102	19	31	17	3	2	0	72	0	0	2	1,426	1,934	1,600	508	174	334	1	5
23	262,067	2,147	104	85	46	41	8	2	0	182	0	1	4	1,143	1,529	1,429	386	286	100	0	0
24	387,626	2,386	87	21	45	47	5	8	4	130	0	0	6	1,052	1,637	1,269	585	217	368	3	0
State	16,674,608	168,484	8,930	3,432	4,550	2,416	1,045	291	194	11,928	30	39	184	79,094	115,220	99,952	36,126	20,858	15,268	73	252

Note: Columns are labeled for easy reference to other tables in report.

TABLE I-A
2002 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
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	aa	bb	cc	dd	ee
1	197	164	83	444	126	7	3	136	127	43	10	180	98	1	2	101	27	1	0	28	16	0	0	16	1	0	0	1	592	216	98
2	86	8	97	191	57	4	2	63	54	2	31	87	34	0	0	34	18	0	1	19	5	0	0	5	19	1	1	21	273	15	132
3	28	35	1	64	58	4	1	63	31	4	3	38	29	0	0	29	8	0	0	8	7	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	161	43	5
4	229	136	0	365	142	46	1	189	189	64	12	265	154	3	0	157	120	0	0	120	23	1	0	24	0	0	0	0	857	250	13
5	383	73	7	463	200	1	2	203	212	5	36	253	157	0	0	157	36	0	0	36	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	994	79	45
6	201	296	0	497	216	34	0	250	254	153	0	407	225	2	0	227	73	0	0	73	34	1	0	35	0	0	0	0	1,003	486	0
7	186	23	4	213	114	3	0	117	113	1	1	115	85	0	0	85	31	0	0	31	13	0	0	13	13	0	0	13	555	27	5
8	129	65	3	197	79	7	1	87	49	37	12	98	47	5	1	53	12	0	0	12	17	1	1	19	6	0	0	6	339	115	18
9	178	352	0	530	276	5	0	281	189	19	0	208	129	2	0	131	77	0	0	77	6	1	0	7	3	0	0	3	858	379	0
10	176	208	0	384	162	1	0	163	99	21	0	120	86	0	0	86	36	0	0	36	8	1	0	9	0	0	0	0	567	231	0
11	863	696	11	1,570	451	11	0	462	329	16	70	415	233	0	2	235	225	1	0	226	2	0	0	2	82	0	0	82	2,185	724	83
12	180	152	0	332	73	7	0	80	95	44	9	148	103	0	0	103	26	0	0	26	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	480	203	9
13	480	363	3	846	286	20	0	306	270	101	13	384	142	4	0	146	86	0	1	87	22	1	0	23	0	0	0	0	1,286	489	17
14	156	78	2	236	55	4	0	59	91	13	4	108	37	0	0	37	15	0	0	15	6	2	0	8	5	0	0	5	365	97	6
15	244	126	0	370	205	10	0	215	315	58	6	379	153	2	0	155	43	0	0	43	23	1	0	24	2	0	0	2	985	197	6
16	37	42	0	79	12	0	0	12	47	2	0	49	21	0	0	21	3	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	123	44	0
17	597	168	2	767	208	1	0	209	376	35	5	416	279	1	0	280	93	0	0	93	42	4	0	46	40	0	0	40	1,635	209	7
18	165	70	0	235	120	1	0	121	151	38	0	189	87	0	0	87	18	0	0	18	24	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	565	109	0
19	213	169	9	391	116	3	1	120	143	46	16	205	72	0	0	72	24	0	0	24	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	571	218	26
20	63	63	2	128	48	7	0	55	69	39	26	134	33	0	0	33	7	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	223	109	28
21	141	188	6	335	113	3	0	116	136	91	3	230	81	1	0	82	47	0	0	47	6	0	0	6	9	1	0	10	533	284	9
22	51	51	0	102	19	0	0	19	26	2	3	31	17	0	0	17	1	2	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	116	55	3
23	31	24	49	104	78	3	4	85	39	5	2	46	41	0	0	41	8	0	0	8	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	199	32	55
24	81	5	1	87	21	0	0	21	45	0	0	45	47	0	0	47	5	0	0	5	8	0	0	8	4	0	0	4	211	5	1
State	5,095	3,555	280	8,930	3,235	182	15	3,432	3,449	839	262	4,550	2,390	21	5	2,416	1,039	4	2	1,045	277	13	1	291	191	2	1	194	15,676	4,616	566

Note: *Cases Investigated Only* means the body was not viewed by a medical examiner (ME), although the case was certified by an ME.
Columns are labeled for easy reference to other tables in report.

TABLE II

**Cases Accepted by Medical Examiners
Related to District Population**

(R/.001A)

(N/.001A)

Autopsies and Other Investigations			Cremation Approvals		
Rank	Dist		Rank	Dist	
1	16	2.058	1	22	9.601
2	14	1.742	2	6	8.737
3	13	1.698	3	12	8.445
4	19	1.666	4	5	7.584
5	21	1.583	5	7	7.224
6	3	1.406	6	21	6.772
7	1	1.400	7	19	6.123
8	8	1.376	8	20	5.601
9	18	1.364	9	16	5.336
10	5	1.358	10	18	5.333
11	20	1.297	11	10	4.911
12	11	1.294	12	15	4.894
13	10	1.289	13	23	4.361
14	7	1.277	14	13	4.253
15	22	1.172	15	8	4.097
16	6	1.149	16	17	3.661
17	2	1.140	17	9	3.603
18	17	1.109	18	4	3.337
19	4	1.098	19	3	3.122
20	23	1.091	20	1	2.798
21	9	1.076	21	14	2.777
22	12	1.065	22	24	2.714
23	15	1.004	23	11	2.568
24	24	0.560	24	2	1.663

TABLE III

**Autopsies Related to
Population, Total Deaths and Violent Deaths**

(cc/B)

(cc/.001A)

(cc/J)

Autopsies/ Total Deaths			Autopsies/ Population			Autopsies/ Violent Deaths		
Rank	Dist		Rank	Dist		Rank	Dist	
1	16	0.187	1	16	1.516	1	24	1.623
2	14	0.136	2	14	1.358	2	22	1.611
3	13	0.133	3	13	1.218	3	14	1.573
4	11	0.116	4	5	1.208	4	11	1.537
5	3	0.110	5	7	1.207	5	5	1.518
6	18	0.107	6	19	1.167	6	17	1.508
7	17	0.105	7	18	1.143	7	7	1.484
8	19	0.102	8	3	1.083	8	16	1.398
9	1	0.101	9	21	1.021	9	10	1.370
10	2	0.099	10	8	0.988	10	13	1.359
11	8	0.098	11	17	0.980	11	19	1.347
12	9	0.097	12	11	0.945	12	12	1.333
13	21	0.094	13	10	0.916	13	18	1.287
14	4	0.094	14	1	0.915	14	1	1.281
15	23	0.093	15	4	0.840	15	8	1.233
16	7	0.091	16	15	0.832	16	9	1.214
17	20	0.090	17	20	0.804	17	15	1.204
18	5	0.089	18	22	0.781	18	2	1.192
19	24	0.088	19	6	0.774	19	4	1.135
20	10	0.088	20	23	0.759	20	3	1.110
21	15	0.071	21	9	0.747	21	23	1.093
22	12	0.058	22	2	0.741	22	21	1.086
23	6	0.056	23	12	0.739	23	6	1.011
24	22	0.052	24	24	0.544	24	20	0.961

TABLE IV						
Percent of Medical Examiner Cases Autopsied						
	(a/d)	(e/h)	(i/l)	(m/p)	(q/t)	(u/x)
District	Natural	Accident: Motor Vehicle	Accident: Non-Motor Vehicle	Suicide	Homicide	Undetermined
1	44.4%	92.6%	70.6%	97.0%	96.4%	100.0%
2	45.0%	90.5%	62.1%	100.0%	94.7%	100.0%
3	43.8%	92.1%	81.6%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
4	62.7%	75.1%	71.3%	98.1%	100.0%	95.8%
5	82.7%	98.5%	83.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
6	40.4%	86.4%	62.4%	99.1%	100.0%	97.1%
7	87.3%	97.4%	98.3%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
8	65.5%	90.8%	50.0%	88.7%	100.0%	89.5%
9	33.6%	98.2%	90.9%	98.5%	100.0%	85.7%
10	45.8%	99.4%	82.5%	100.0%	100.0%	88.9%
11	55.0%	97.6%	79.3%	99.1%	99.6%	100.0%
12	54.2%	91.3%	64.2%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
13	56.7%	93.5%	70.3%	97.3%	98.9%	95.7%
14	66.1%	93.2%	84.3%	100.0%	100.0%	75.0%
15	65.9%	95.3%	83.1%	98.7%	100.0%	95.8%
16	46.8%	100.0%	95.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
17	77.8%	99.5%	90.4%	99.6%	100.0%	91.3%
18	70.2%	99.2%	79.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
19	54.5%	96.7%	69.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
20	49.2%	87.3%	51.5%	100.0%	100.0%	N/A
21	42.1%	97.4%	59.1%	98.8%	100.0%	100.0%
22	50.0%	100.0%	83.9%	100.0%	33.3%	100.0%
23	29.8%	91.8%	84.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
24	93.1%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
State	57.1%	94.3%	75.8%	98.9%	99.4%	95.2%

TABLE V Ranking of Violent Death Rates (Per Population / 1000)										
(D/.001A)			(E/.001A)		(G/.001A)		(F/.001A)		(J/.001A)	
Ranking	Dist	Mot Veh Acc/ Population	Dist	Non M-V Acc/ Population	Dist	Homicides/ Population	Dist	Suicides/ Population	Dist	Total Violent/ Population
1	3	0.424	16	0.604	4	0.118	16	0.259	16	1.085
2	23	0.324	20	0.483	11	0.098	3	0.195	3	0.976
3	13	0.290	21	0.441	21	0.090	5	0.191	21	0.941
4	10	0.263	19	0.419	13	0.082	7	0.185	13	0.896
5	7	0.254	14	0.402	7	0.067	18	0.176	18	0.888
6	8	0.254	18	0.383	9	0.067	6	0.175	19	0.867
7	5	0.247	13	0.364	10	0.058	17	0.168	14	0.863
8	19	0.245	15	0.320	6	0.056	12	0.158	20	0.836
9	18	0.245	6	0.314	14	0.056	21	0.157	7	0.814
10	9	0.245	5	0.307	17	0.056	23	0.156	8	0.802
11	21	0.222	8	0.286	3	0.054	1	0.156	5	0.796
12	14	0.220	1	0.278	2	0.052	8	0.155	6	0.766
13	1	0.210	4	0.260	19	0.049	4	0.154	4	0.740
14	11	0.200	3	0.256	5	0.044	19	0.147	1	0.714
15	20	0.198	7	0.250	1	0.043	10	0.139	23	0.694
16	6	0.193	17	0.249	12	0.040	13	0.138	15	0.691
17	4	0.185	2	0.236	16	0.037	14	0.138	10	0.669
18	15	0.182	12	0.228	18	0.036	15	0.131	17	0.649
19	2	0.171	22	0.209	15	0.036	24	0.121	2	0.621
20	16	0.148	10	0.194	8	0.035	20	0.119	9	0.615
21	22	0.128	9	0.181	23	0.031	22	0.114	11	0.615
22	17	0.125	11	0.179	20	0.025	9	0.114	12	0.554
23	12	0.123	23	0.176	22	0.020	11	0.102	22	0.485
24	24	0.054	24	0.116	24	0.013	2	0.092	24	0.335

TABLE VI Ranking of Districts by Number of Violent Deaths			
(J)			
Rank	Violent Deaths	District	Geographical Area of Florida with Population Ranking (#)
1	1,422	11	Miami (# 1)
2	1,084	17	Ft. Lauderdale (# 2)
3	992	6	St. Petersburg (# 3)
4	946	13	Tampa (# 6)
5	818	15	Palm Beach (# 4)
6	755	4	Jacksonville (# 7)
7	707	9	Orlando (# 5)
8	655	5	Leesburg (# 8)
9	491	21	Ft. Myers (# 12)
10	462	1	Pensacola (# 10)
11	439	18	Melbourne (# 13)
12	424	19	Ft. Pierce (# 14)
13	414	10	Lakeland (# 11)
14	374	7	Daytona Beach (# 15)
15	360	12	Sarasota (# 9)
16	275	8	Gainesville (# 18)
17	232	14	Panama City (# 20)
18	232	20	Naples (# 19)
19	229	2	Tallahassee (# 17)
20	182	23	St. Augustine (# 21)
21	145	3	Live Oak (# 22)
22	130	24	Sanford (# 16)
23	88	16	Florida Keys (# 24)
24	72	22	Port Charlotte (# 23)
State	11,928		

TABLE VII District Death Rates as Related to Autopsy Rates			
(B/A)% (cc/B) (cc/.001A)			
Dist	Deaths/Population	Autopsies/Total Deaths	Autopsies/Population
1	0.90%	0.101	0.915
2	0.75%	0.099	0.741
3	0.98%	0.110	1.083
4	0.90%	0.094	0.840
5	1.36%	0.089	1.208
6	1.39%	0.056	0.774
7	1.32%	0.091	1.207
8	1.01%	0.098	0.988
9	0.77%	0.097	0.747
10	1.04%	0.088	0.916
11	0.82%	0.116	0.945
12	1.27%	0.058	0.739
13	0.92%	0.133	1.218
14	1.00%	0.136	1.358
15	1.17%	0.071	0.832
16	0.81%	0.187	1.516
17	0.93%	0.105	0.980
18	1.07%	0.107	1.143
19	1.15%	0.102	1.167
20	0.89%	0.090	0.804
21	1.09%	0.094	1.021
22	1.51%	0.052	0.781
23	0.82%	0.093	0.759
24	0.62%	0.088	0.544
State	1.01%	0.093	0.940

TABLE VIII

Fourteen Year Comparison of SIDS Deaths

Dist														(T)
	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
1	10	12	11	13	11	11	3	9	7	6	8	2	5	2
2	6	8	12	8	1	8	5	2	6	3	6	2	1	0
3	3	6	1	2	4	4	2	1	2	3	1	3	1	0
4	18	15	24	12	19	10	13	12	10	11	8	15	7	6
5	13	10	4	3	10	6	5	6	7	1	9	1	6	3
6	15	11	9	8	14	11	6	14	16	6	7	7	0	0
7	3	3	3	2	5	4	1	7	2	4	4	6	4	2
8	5	3	9	7	8	5	5	5	4	6	5	3	3	6
9	13	20	18	12	11	18	9	12	13	9	13	3	11	17
10	14	25	12	12	22	10	11	10	14	8	15	10	3	5
11	36	32	29	27	24	18	19	18	8	11	9	8	0	4
12	4	6	9	10	4	5	4	0	3	1	0	1	1	1
13	21	16	11	18	10	10	13	12	10	16	13	10	13	10
14	4	6	4	4	1	1	1	7	1	1	2	0	0	1
15	17	11	12	3	9	5	7	10	3	2	2	1	1	3
16	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
17	15	18	19	9	19	10	13	2	7	10	4	10	9	2
18	3	6	2	4	5	10	5	4	3	1	0	5	1	1
19	5	4	7	5	5	5	5	7	3	3	2	2	2	4
20	0	2	2	1	3	3	1	2	0	2	0	1	1	0
21	7	8	7	5	6	1	6	3	8	6	2	5	2	1
22	2	2	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	1
23	3	3	6	6	7	2	3	6	7	2	0	3	1	0
24	10	13	5	6	1	3	4	2	3	2	7	2	6	3
State	227	241	217	179	200	160	144	151	137	115	118	102	80	73

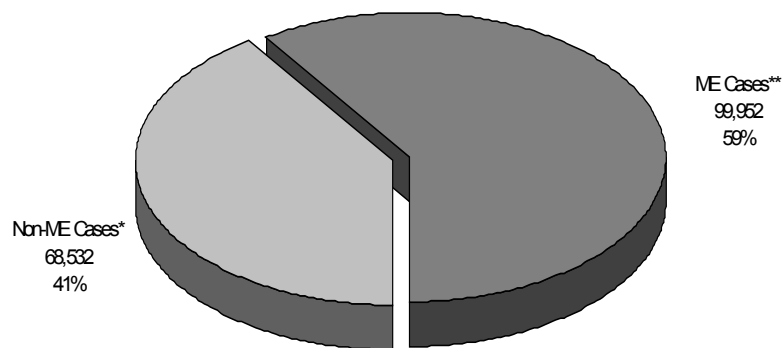
TABLE IX

Fourteen Year Comparison of Violent Death Rates

(J/.001A)

Dist	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
1	0.589	0.573	0.580	0.577	0.592	0.581	0.564	0.597	0.583	0.574	0.517	0.576	0.664	0.714
2	0.667	0.604	0.705	0.651	0.666	0.615	0.634	0.615	0.541	0.572	0.554	0.688	0.530	0.621
3	0.909	1.110	1.152	0.662	0.832	0.802	0.689	0.670	0.723	0.681	0.660	0.749	0.690	0.976
4	0.774	0.767	0.683	0.659	0.628	0.638	0.613	0.609	0.589	0.598	0.620	0.634	0.703	0.740
5	0.798	0.813	0.692	0.672	0.739	0.676	0.685	0.618	0.648	0.702	0.587	0.702	0.784	0.796
6	0.582	0.559	0.528	0.542	0.545	0.531	0.618	0.557	0.601	0.598	0.637	0.647	0.721	0.766
7	0.658	0.645	0.725	0.594	0.728	0.673	0.663	0.626	0.716	0.705	0.724	0.652	0.670	0.814
8	0.711	0.844	0.788	0.764	0.780	0.694	0.743	0.698	0.696	0.718	0.672	0.733	0.705	0.802
9	0.750	0.750	0.629	0.601	0.584	0.639	0.669	0.657	0.582	0.691	0.664	0.621	0.655	0.615
10	0.744	0.624	0.548	0.638	0.645	0.538	0.626	0.578	0.604	0.590	0.614	0.622	0.641	0.669
11	0.920	0.826	0.787	0.741	0.811	0.705	0.730	0.720	0.684	0.670	0.648	0.598	0.585	0.615
12	0.636	0.633	0.461	0.497	0.523	0.500	0.584	0.599	0.547	0.557	0.559	0.627	0.634	0.554
13	0.712	0.765	0.752	0.710	0.738	0.776	0.783	0.729	0.743	0.793	0.818	0.795	0.797	0.896
14	0.696	0.536	0.774	0.563	0.694	0.658	0.748	0.744	0.603	0.767	0.669	0.847	0.884	0.863
15	0.706	0.683	0.651	0.631	0.610	0.651	0.614	0.641	0.623	0.651	0.659	0.660	0.700	0.691
16	1.127	0.817	1.132	0.840	0.881	0.960	0.815	0.943	1.003	0.909	1.126	0.741	1.464	1.085
17	0.607	0.369	0.541	0.534	0.628	0.597	0.613	0.636	0.638	0.596	0.625	0.544	0.609	0.649
18	0.682	0.598	0.559	0.563	0.597	0.527	0.640	0.618	0.576	0.595	0.583	0.701	0.750	0.888
19	0.875	0.754	0.706	0.635	0.622	0.686	0.677	0.604	0.575	0.650	0.622	0.675	0.858	0.867
20	1.188	0.878	0.885	0.837	0.802	0.731	0.815	0.736	0.890	0.787	0.797	0.704	0.756	0.836
21	0.890	0.875	0.752	0.910	0.782	0.868	0.772	0.822	0.834	0.874	0.927	0.912	0.956	0.941
22	0.574	0.715	0.476	0.590	0.559	0.368	0.556	0.518	0.442	0.394	0.497	0.551	0.505	0.485
23	0.947	0.957	0.739	0.686	0.717	0.653	0.723	0.625	0.759	0.738	0.735	0.723	0.630	0.694
24	0.327	0.311	0.278	0.301	0.289	0.284	0.278	0.334	0.370	0.459	0.342	0.318	0.299	0.335
State	0.753	0.709	0.688	0.642	0.666	0.635	0.657	0.643	0.636	0.652	0.647	0.647	0.682	0.715

Chart Ia
2002
Medical Examiner Jurisdiction
Total Florida Deaths:
168,484



* Includes Cases Reviewed but Jurisdiction Declined
 ** Includes Cases Accepted and Cremation Approvals

Chart Ib
Medical Examiner Workload
2002
Total Deaths Reviewed: 115,220

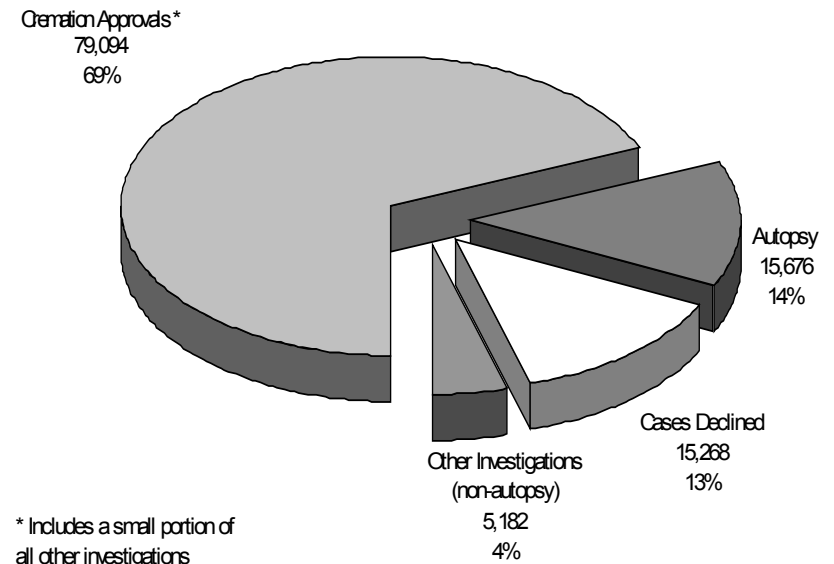


Chart IIa

2002

Violent vs. Non-Violent Deaths

Total Florida Deaths 168,484

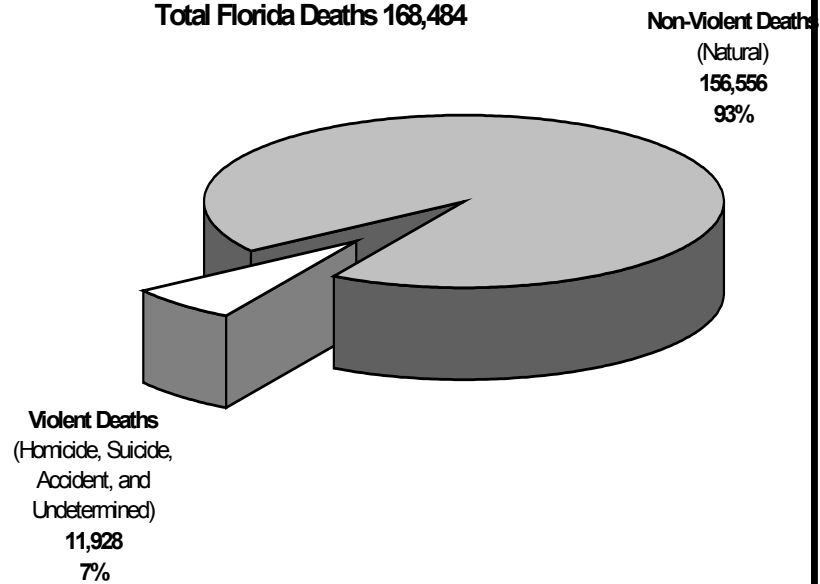


Chart IIb

2002

Violent Death Workload
Total Violent Deaths - 11,928

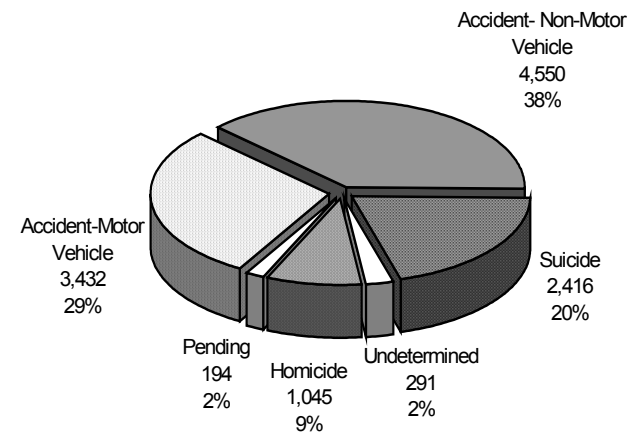


Chart IIIa
2001

Autopsy Workload as
Percent of Florida Population
Total Florida Population: 16,331,739

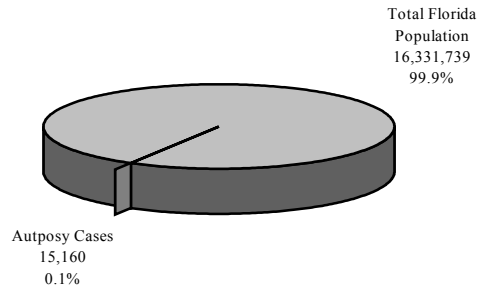


Chart IIIb

Autopsy Workload as
Percent of Florida Deaths
Total Florida Deaths: 168,501

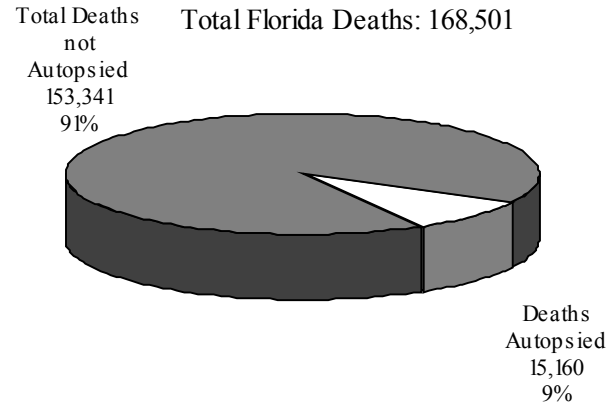


Chart IIIc

Autopsy Workload as Percent of
Deaths Referred to Medical Examiners

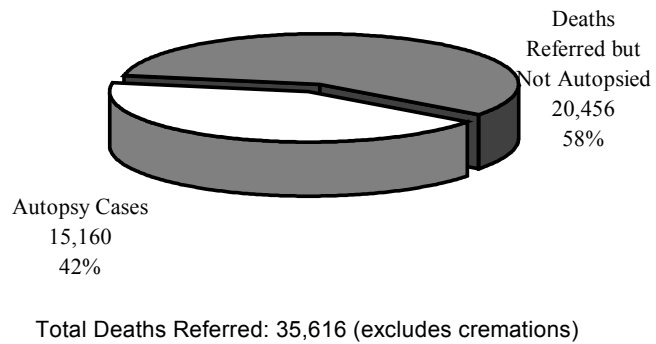


Chart IIId

Autopsy Workload as
Percent of Deaths Accepted
Total Deaths Accepted: 20,114

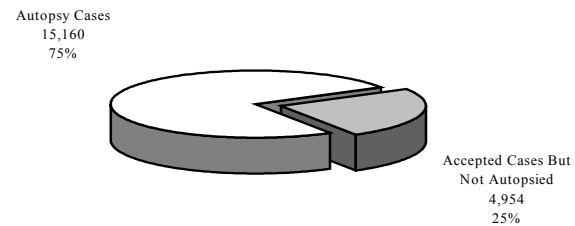


Chart IVa
Workload by Depth of
Examinations -
Homicide

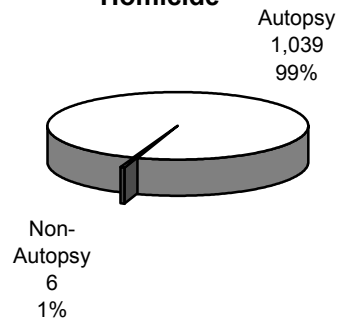


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Workload by Depth of
Examinations -
Suicide

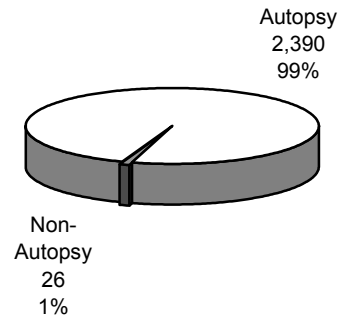


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Workload by Depth of
Examinations -
Undetermined

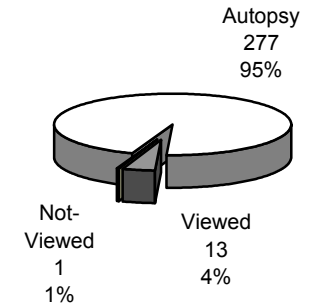


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Workload by Depth of
Examinations -
Accident: Motor Vehicle

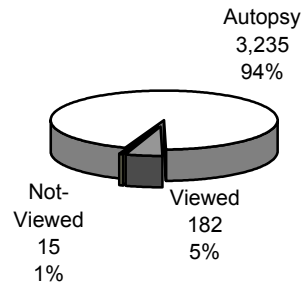


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Workload by Depth of
Examinations -
Accident: Non-Motor Vehicle

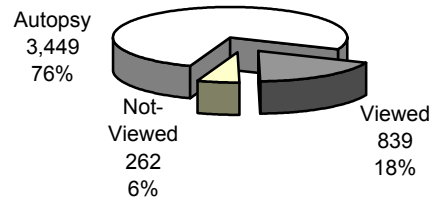


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Workload by Depth of
Examinations -
Natural

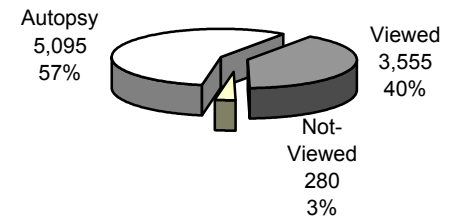
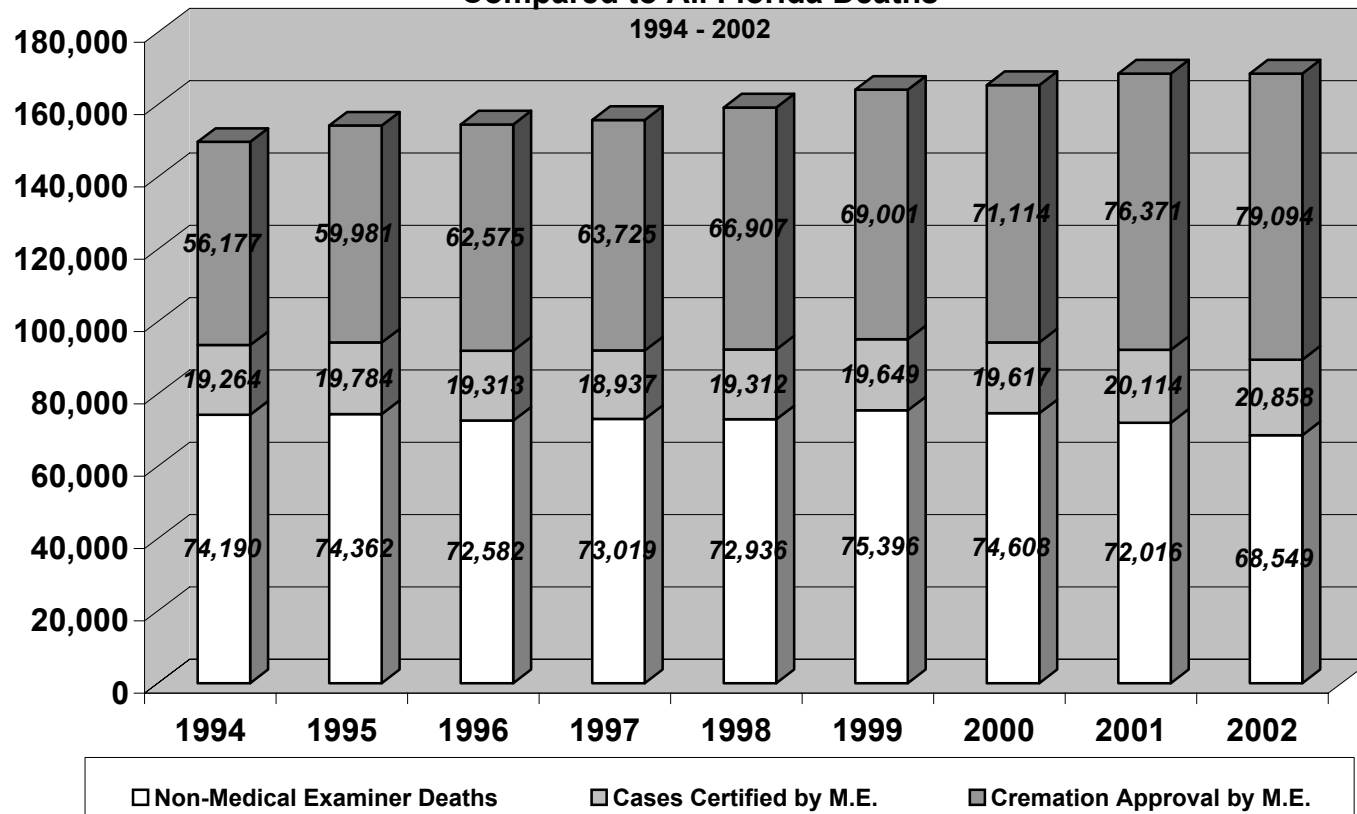


CHART V
Historical Workload
 Medical Examiner Cases
 Compared to All Florida Deaths



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