

**MEDICAL EXAMINER & TRAUMA MANAGEMENT
OPERATIONS**

Fiscal Year 2005

Goal Statement

To collect and analyze information pertaining to deaths which fall within the jurisdiction of the Medical Examiner, and to provide for indigent burial/cremation when no private funds are available, in order to preserve the public health and preclude economic hardship to Broward County residents.

Performance Measures	FY03 Actual	FY04 Actual	FY05 Budget	FY05 Actual	% Change FY04 - FY05	Variance Number
Number of cases investigated & accepted	1,808	1,893	1,830	1,958	3%	
Number of cases investigated but rejected for medical examination	1,617	1,636	1,635	1,388	-15%	
Number of indigent cases investigated	329	318	330	335	5%	
Number of indigent cases investigated and approved for burial/cremation at public expense	289	288	280	308	7%	
Number of indigent cases buried or cremated with private funding	40	30	50	27	-10%	
Percent of indigent cases disposed of at public expense	87	91	85	84	-7%	

**MEDICAL EXAMINER AND TRAUMA MANAGEMENT
PATHOLOGY**

Fiscal Year 2005

Goal Statement

To provide medical and legal determinations of the cause and manner of deaths which require investigation, and to develop and implement programs designed to protect public health and reduce mortality.

Performance Measures	FY03 Actual	FY04 Actual	FY05 Budget	FY05 Actual	% Change FY04 - FY05	Variance Number
Number of scenes investigated	38	48	55	53	10%	
Number of full autopsies performed	1,522	1,562	1,580	1,486	-5%	
Number of examinations performed	260	313	260	449	43%	1
Number of Death Certificates issued	n/a	1,894	6,000	1,935	2%	
Percentage of autopsies completed within 18 hours of receipt of body	99	99	99	99	0%	
Percent of cases for which cause and manner of death determination made	100	100	100	100	0%	

Explanation of variances greater than 15 percent:

1 The increase is based on the number of families who had religious or other objections to the performance of autopsies.

**MEDICAL EXAMINER AND TRAUMA MANAGEMENT
TOXICOLOGY**

Fiscal Year 2005

Goal Statement

To provide County-wide toxicology testing services for the Medical Examiner Division and other requesting law enforcement agencies.

Performance Measures	FY03 Actual	FY04 Actual	FY05 Budget	FY05 Actual	% Change FY04 - FY05	Variance Number
Number of Medical Examiner cases tested	1,814	1,422	1,820	1,517	7%	
Number of cases referred from other agencies	725	715	800	782	9%	
Number of assays (specimen tests) completed - Drug Court	181,015	175,120	182,000	205,295	17%	1
Number of assays (specimen tests) completed - Substance Abuse & Health Care Services	146,064	133,736	150,000	124,142	-7%	
Percent of cases processed within 60 days	75	78	85	79	1%	
Percentage of assays (specimen tests) completed	100	95	100	94	-1%	

Explanation of variances greater than 15 percent:

1 The measure increased because of a higher number of requests from outside agencies.