

**MEDICAL EXAMINER & TRAUMA MANAGEMENT
OPERATIONS**

Fiscal Year 2006

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	FY04 Actual	FY05 Actual	FY06 Budget	FY06 Actual	% Change FY05-FY06	Variance Number
Number of cases investigated and accepted	1,893	1,958	1,940	1,920	-2%	
Number of cases investigated but rejected for medical examination	1,636	1,388	1,635	1,107	-20%	1
Number of indigent cases investigated	318	335	342	329	-2%	
Number of indigent cases investigated and approved for burial/cremation at public expense	288	308	300	270	-12%	
Number of indigent cases buried or cremated with private funding	30	27	42	49	81%	2
Percent of indigent cases disposed of at public expense	91	84	88	81	-4%	

Explanation of variances greater than 15 percent:

- 1** The measure is lower than FY05 due to a decrease in the number of deaths referred to the Medical Examiner's office.
- 2** The measure is higher than FY05 due to increased staff effort to find family or other private sources to pay for indigent burial.

**MEDICAL EXAMINER AND TRAUMA MANAGEMENT
PATHOLOGY**

Fiscal Year 2006

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	FY04 Actual	FY05 Actual	FY06 Budget	FY06 Actual	% Change FY05-FY06	Variance Number
Number of scenes investigated	48	53	40	46	-13%	
Number of full autopsies performed	1,562	1,486	1,750	1,361	-8%	
Number of examinations performed	313	449	320	545	21%	1
Number of Death Certificates issued	4,922	6,258	6,000	6,185	-1%	
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 measure is higher than FY05 due to more deaths of out of state visitors who have documented medical history and do not require autopsy, as well as an increase in the number of religious objections to full autopsies.

**MEDICAL EXAMINER AND TRAUMA MANAGEMENT
TOXICOLOGY**

Fiscal Year 2006

Goal Statement

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

Performance Measures	FY04 Actual	FY05 Actual	FY06 Budget	FY06 Actual	% Change FY05-FY06	Variance Number
Number of Medical Examiner cases tested	1,422	1,517	1,850	2,205	45%	1
Number of cases referred from other agencies	715	782	800	670	-14%	
Number of assays (specimen tests) completed - Drug Court	175,120	205,295	185,000	231,682	13%	
Number of assays (specimen tests) completed - Substance Abuse & Health Care Services	133,736	124,142	147,000	112,526	-9%	
Percent of cases processed within 60 days	78	79	85	88	11%	
Percentage of assays (specimen tests) completed	95	94	100	99	5%	

Explanation of variances greater than 15 percent:

- 1** The measure is higher than FY05 due to an increase in the number of drug deaths and other complicated Medical Examiner Cases which are automatically tested.

**MEDICAL EXAMINER AND TRAUMA MANAGEMENT
TRAUMA MANAGEMENT**

Fiscal Year 2006

Goal Statement

To maintain the local Trauma Plan and provide regulatory oversight of the trauma network to ensure that there is quality comprehensive trauma medical care and patient transportation for the citizens and visitors in Broward County.

Performance Measures	FY04 Actual	FY05 Actual	FY06 Budget	FY06 Actual	% Change FY05-FY06	Variance Number
Number of victims treated/transported as trauma alerts	2,364	2,183	2,000	2,111	-3%	
Number of trauma cases reviewed	206	232	220	261	13%	
Number of over-triage patients (trauma alerts discharged from Emergency within 24 hours)	516	569	500	490	-14%	
Number of under-triage patients (trauma alerts who are not taken to a trauma center or who die in a non-trauma center)	248	N/A	200	171	N/A	1

Explanation of variances greater than 15 percent:

1 An error was made in data collection for FY05 and an actual is not available.