



Department Update to Standing Committee

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Department Overview

Lake County Coroner



- **Determination of Cause and Manner of Death**
 - Covers entire county
 - Scene investigations, forensic examination and toxicology
 - Identify, communicate, and educate about preventable death trends
- **Administrative Functions**
 - Certification of death on Coroner Cases
 - Cremation permits for any death that occurs in Lake County
 - Case file management and record keeping
- **Family Support**
 - Assist family member throughout process

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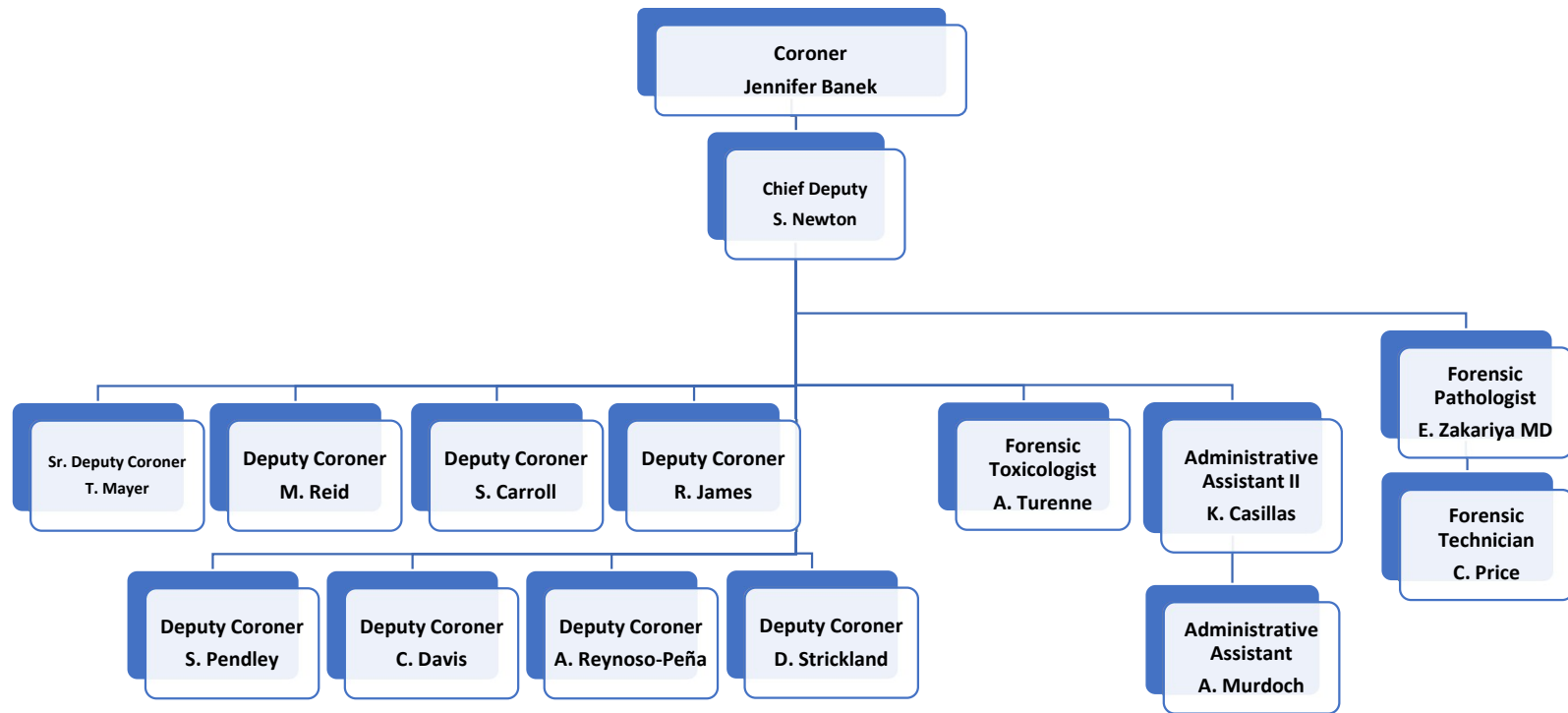


- **Staffing**
- **Administration/Investigations**
 - **Coroner**
 - **Chief Deputy**
 - **8 Deputy Coroners/Investigators**
 - **2 Administrative Staff**
- **Examination**
 - **Forensic Pathologist, Forensic Technician**
 - **Toxicologist**



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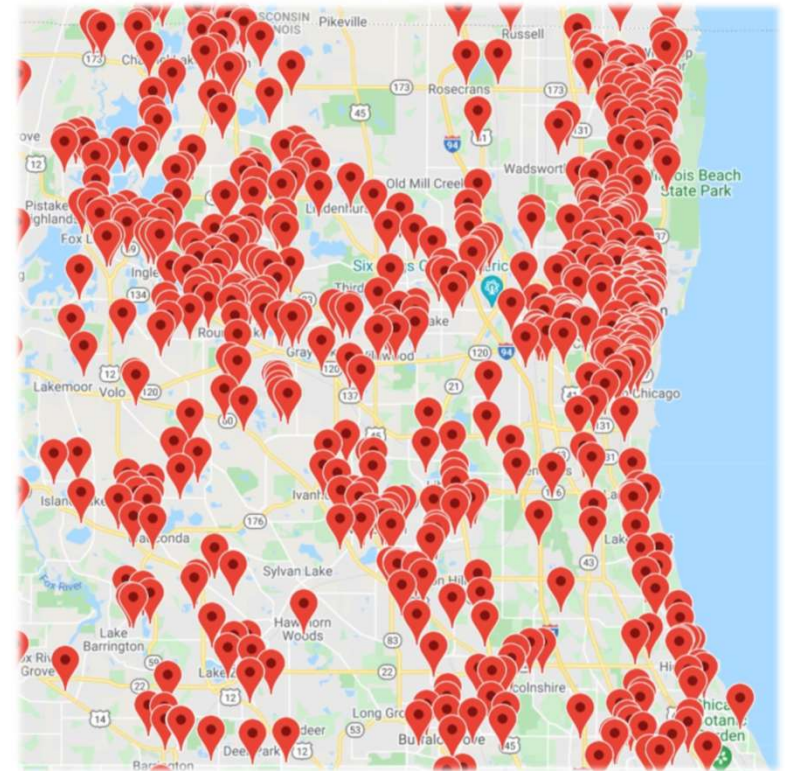


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- **Departmental Statistics 2024**
 - **5,634 Total Deaths Reported**
 - **631 required further investigation**
 - **556 required further examination**
- **Average Coroner Case 79/yr./Deputy**
- **Average Medical Case 704/yr./Deputy**
- **2023 Comparison**
 - **5735 Total Deaths Reported**
 - **701 required further investigation**
 - **629 required further examination**



Strategic Alignment

2023 Strategic Plan



County's Mission: Provide exceptional services and support for Lake County's people, communities, and environments.

Strategic Priorities	
X	Safe Communities
X	Economic Opportunities
	Adaptive Infrastructures
X	Sustainable Environment
X	Healthy and Inclusive Communities
X	Superior County Operations and Services

Previous 12 Months



- **Address mortality issues**
 - **Participate in Suicide and Overdose Task Forces**
 - **Participate in Fatality Review Boards**
- **Increase educational opportunities**
 - **School, organization and group tours**
 - **Classroom lectures on forensic related topics**
 - **Rosalind Franklin / EMS Programs**
- **Staff**
 - **Encouraged continued professional training**
 - **Continued managerial case review procedures**
 - **Final phases of re-accreditation**



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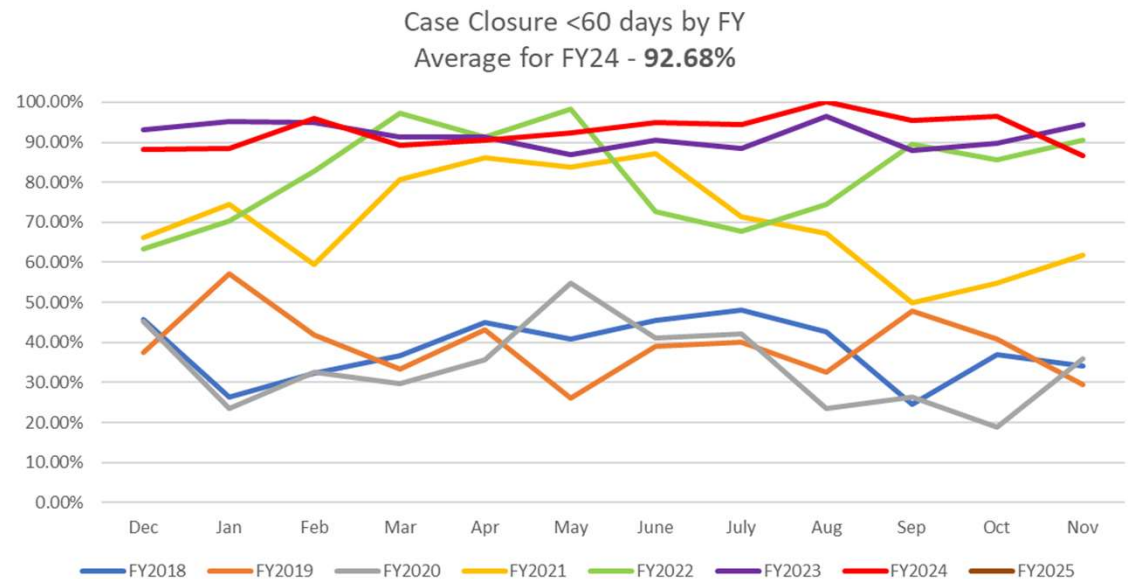
- Continued collaboration with partner organizations
 - Provide transparent, timely and accurate statistical data
 - Identify and provide for needs of Community and Families
 - *Resources/Support, Missing Pieces*
 - Identified new organizations to form partnerships for at risk populations
- Expenditure Accountability
 - Continue to monitor spending and costs, work with purchasing
 - Evaluate purchasing sources for best costs
 - Maintained reduction in overtime expenditure



Previous 12 Months



- **Case Closure Rates**
 - Continued procedures and effective supervision practices to reduce delay in closing of cases
 - Less delay for families
- **2024 – 92.72%**
 - 54.68% <30 days
 - 38.04% 30-60 days
- **Dashboards**
- **Monthly reports**



Next 12 Months



- **Community Involvement**
 - **Identify and collaborate additional partner organizations to provide increased services and resources for grieving families**
 - **Provide additional timely data to drive resources where needed**
- **Evaluate expenditures/contracts**
 - **Continue to work with purchasing and finance to ensure Coroner contract services are fiscally responsible**
 - **Continue to explore potential revenue generating lab services**

Next 12 Months



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- **Continue staff development and accountability**
 - **Maintain staff accreditation through American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators**
 - **Review and Revise Office policies and procedures**
 - **Maintain 60-day case closure rate to minimum 80%**
 - **Complete final phase of the IACME re-accreditation.**



Questions