



Department Update to Standing Committee

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Department Overview

Lake County Coroner



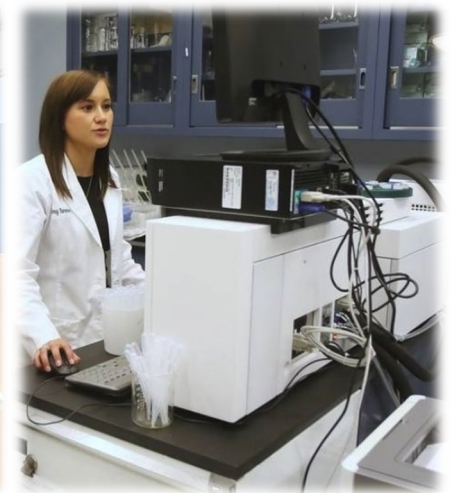
- **Determination of Cause and Manner of Death**
 - **Covers entire county**
 - **Scene investigations, forensic examination and toxicology**
- **Administrative Functions**
 - **Certification of death on Coroner Cases**
 - **Cremation permits for any death that occurs in Lake County**
 - **Case file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

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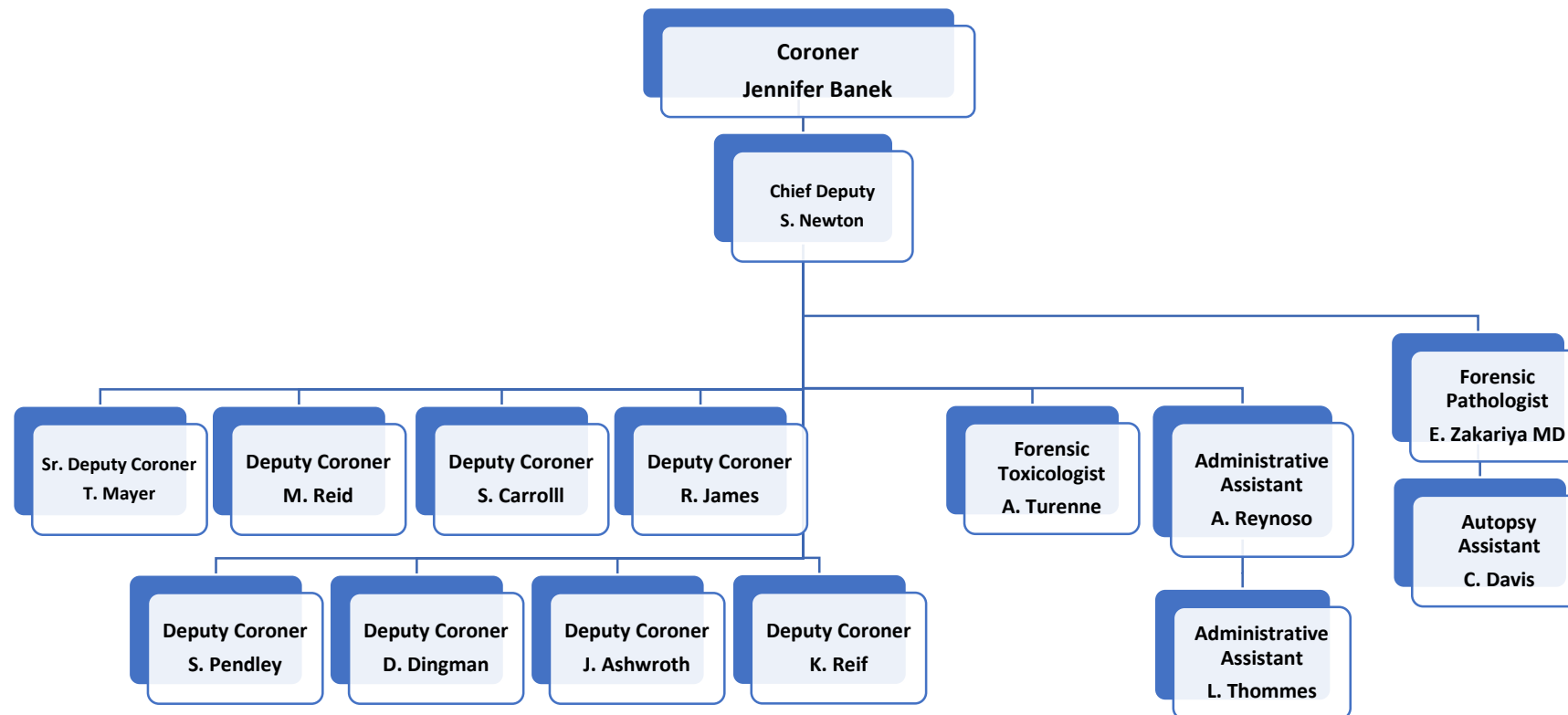


- **Staffing**
- **Administration/Investigations**
 - **Coroner**
 - **Chief Deputy**
 - **8 Deputy Coroners/Investigators**
 - **2 Administrative Staff**
- **Examination**
 - **Forensic Pathologist, Pathology Assistant**
 - **Toxicologist**



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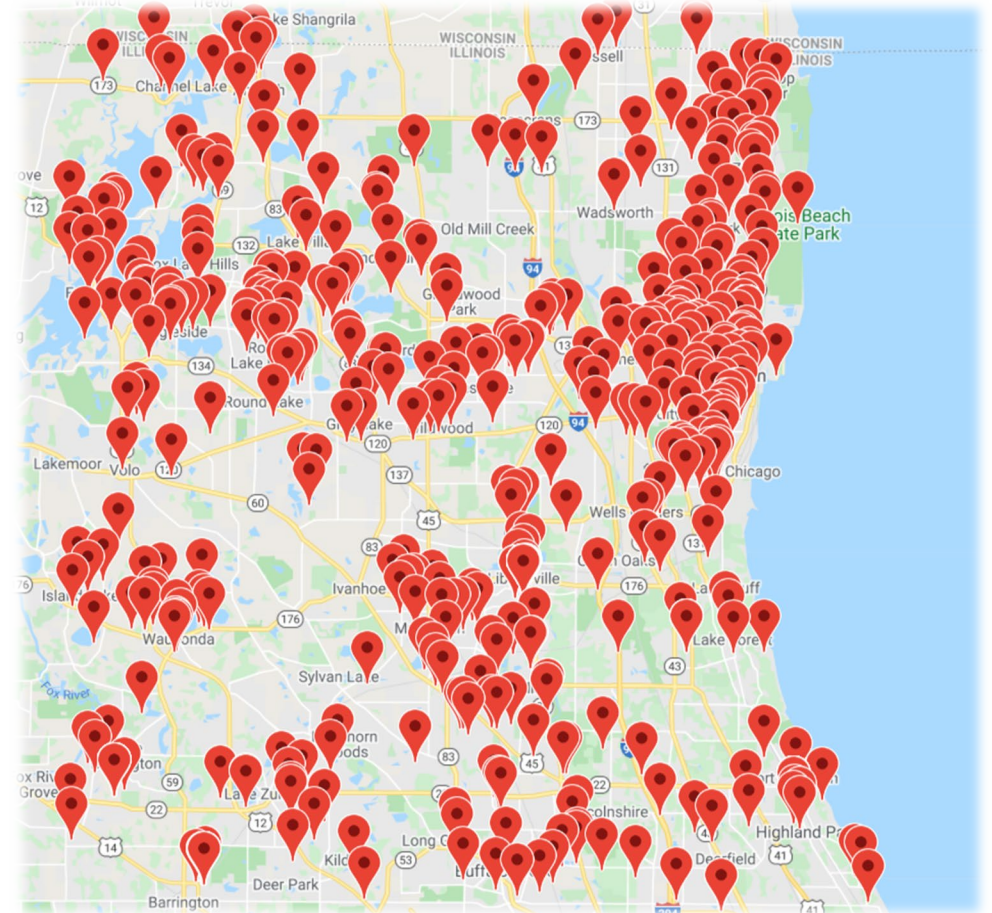


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- **Departmental Statistics 2020**
 - **6,143 Total Deaths Reported**
 - **704 required further investigation**
 - **579 required further examination**
- **Average Coroner Case 88/yr/Deputy**
- **Average Medical Case 682/yr/Deputy**
- **2019 Comparison**
 - **5,097 Total Deaths Reported**
 - **513 required further investigation**
 - **396 required further examination**



Strategic Alignment

2019 Strategic Plan



County's Mission: Deliver exceptional, financially and environmentally responsive / responsible services that promote a safe, affordable, healthy, and resilient community

Strategic Initiatives	
X	Regional Leadership
X	Fiscal Responsibility
X	Exceptional Service and Operational Excellence
Strategic Goals	
X	Public Safety and Integrated, Data-Driven Justice System
X	Enhance Economic Opportunities
	Improve Infrastructure
	Promote a Sustainable Environment
X	Build Healthy, Inclusive, and Resilient Communities

Strategic Themes	
X	Inter-Organizational Cooperation
X	Quality of Life
	Economic Development
	Infrastructure
	Environmental Sustainability
X	Non-Environmental Sustainability
X	Lake County Branding
X	Mental Health
X	Grants and Specialty Funding
X	Diversity and Inclusion

Previous 4 Months

- **Address mortality issues – Suicide and Overdoses**
 - Collaborate with partner organizations
 - Provide transparent and accurate statistical data
 - Identify and provide for needs of Families
 - Resources/Support
- **Address county expenditures as a result of the Pandemic**
 - Re-evaluate Mass Fatality Management plan
 - Discontinue rental of overflow storage site
 - Explore options that are cost effective
 - Expand and solidify partnerships



Previous 4 Months

- **Staff Training and Evaluation**
 - **Explore training programs in line with County Goals**
 - **Begin implementation of evaluation process**
 - **Establish goals for employees based on County Initiatives**
 - **Improve office accountability and transparency**



Next 12 Months

- **Community Involvement**
 - Identify and collaborate with additional partner organizations
 - Provide increased services and resources for grieving families
 - Provide additional data to drive resources where needed
- **Evaluate expenditures/contracts**
 - Ensure Coroner contract services are fiscally responsible
 - Explore potential revenue generating lab services
 - Research grant funding for future equipment

Next 12 Months

- **Continue staff development and accountability**
 - **Achieve 100% of staff Crisis Intervention Team trained**
 - **Maintain staff accreditation through American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators**
 - **Restructure managerial case review process**
 - **Fully implement Lake County evaluation process**
 - **Increase 60-day case closure rate to minimum 80%**



Questions