

DEPARTMENT OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER

Chief Medical Examiner

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First Deputy Medical Examiner

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MED Mission

- The Department of the Medical Examiner (MED) investigates cases of sudden, unexpected, violent, and suspicious deaths.
- Make positive identifications.
- Discover, document, and preserve medical, anatomic, or evidentiary findings.
- To provide written reports of the findings and expert testimony in criminal and civil litigation.

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Section 6-1305

- Notification of Death -- When any person dies in the city as a result of violence or by a casualty or by apparent suicide or suddenly when in apparent health or when not under the care of a physician or when in jail or in prison or within twenty-four hours after admission to a hospital or in any suspicious or unusual manner, it shall be the duty of the person having knowledge of such death immediately to notify the department of the medical examiner and the police department.

Section 6-1306 and 6-1307

- Investigations by the Medical Examiner -- Immediately upon receipt of such notification, the medical examiner shall go to the body and take charge of it and shall make a full investigation concerning the medical cause of death.
- Autopsies -- If, in the opinion of either the medical examiner or the prosecuting attorney, an autopsy is necessary, the autopsy shall be performed by the medical examiner.