



Coroner

Expenditures	2003 Actual	2004 Actual	2005 Budget	2006 Budget
Salaries & Wages	82,935	102,943	104,136	119,376
Personnel Benefits	17,532	20,852	26,112	19,992
Supplies	2,746	4,326	5,500	5,118
Other Services & Charges	78,100	85,655	116,771	98,691
Total	181,313	213,776	252,519	243,177
Staffing / FTE	1.75	2.25	2.25	2.50

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Program Description:

It is the duty of the County Coroner to assume jurisdiction over all bodies of deceased persons who come to their deaths suddenly and without medical attendance. This applies to circumstances which indicate death was caused by unlawful or unnatural means or where a death occurs under suspicious circumstances. It also applies to cases where a Coroner's autopsy or inquest is to be held; or where death is by violence. The jurisdiction of the Coroner also extends to the body of a deceased who, although not physically seen by physician within 36 hours preceding death, was generally under a physician's care for a number of years prior to his death.

It is the Coroner's responsibility to equip and maintain the County Morgue.

Major Objectives:

Continue to provide quality death investigations through cooperation with police agencies, medical community, prosecutor and the funeral home industry.

Revenue/Expenditure Comment:

The State of Washington pays for 40% of all autopsy costs and reimburses the County semi-annually.