

Autopsy Attendance

1114.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Coroner Division regularly receives requests from outside parties seeking to attend an autopsy examination. This policy establishes guidelines for evaluating and approving such requests.

1114.2 REQUESTS FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL

When requests to attend an autopsy are received from law enforcement personnel with an investigative interest in the death, the requests shall be granted by the Deputy Coroner without need for other approval. The Deputy Coroner shall inform the Forensics staff of the request by indicating it on the Facility History form. The Senior Forensic Assistant shall be responsible for facilitating the request by contacting the interested party or agency to inform them of the scheduled autopsy time.

- (a) When requests to attend an autopsy are received from law enforcement personnel with no investigative interest in the death, the request shall be forwarded to the Coroner Division Commander for review and approval.

1114.3 REQUESTS FROM NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL

When requests to attend an autopsy are received from members of the public or other non-law enforcement personnel, the member receiving the request shall instruct the requestor to submit a request in writing to the Coroner Division Commander. The Coroner Division Commander will review and approve or deny the request.

1114.3.1 APPROVED REQUESTS FROM NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL

Any autopsy attendance request from members of the public or other non-law enforcement personnel that is approved by the Coroner Division Commander shall be assigned to the Senior Forensic Assistant for coordination and scheduling.