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DISTRICT 15 CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER

3126 Gun Club Road
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August 2019-Present

Responsible for the operations, assessment of strategies and procedures, training, and the organizational performance of 29 personnel at the Palm Beach County Medical Examiner's Office in accordance to statute, rules and regulations of the State of Florida. Manage a budget of 4 million dollars and oversee an average 2,500 medicolegal death investigations a year.

Accomplishments:

- Spearheaded negotiations with the Palm Beach County administration resulting in current upgrades and restructuring of the existing buildings to accommodate increase in personnel, maintain the physical structure in keeping with professional national standards, and allow space to accommodate a future forensic pathology fellow, tissue bank personnel and visiting students.
- Increased Medical Examiner staff by four positions, commensurate to workload and population increases in Palm Beach County, leading to decrease employee fatigue and compliance with professional standards.
- Responsible for securing approval of a long-term structural expansion (capital improvement project)- design phase to start in 2023.
- Revised and updated continuity of operations plan (COOP) for the Medical Examiner's Office.
- Acquired a new racking system increasing body storage capacity by 20%.
- Revised and updated the Medical Examiner's standard operating procedures to comply with county, state and federal guidelines.
- Established a formal protocol for use of personal protective equipment and upgraded resources for a safe work environment resulting in a 25% decrease in exposures/injuries in Fiscal Year 20-21.
- A driving force in the formation and implementation of the Medical Examiner Safety Committee, which includes representatives of all units of the Medical Examiner's Office, and brings the office into compliance with county wide policy.
- Upgraded county vehicles enhancing Forensic Investigator safety at scenes and providing space to accommodate all necessary investigative equipment.

-Provided a platform for the Forensic Investigators to pursue certification by the American Board of Medico Legal Death Investigators. Number of certified investigators now meet professional accreditation standards.

-Implemented a training program for Medical Examiner's and Forensic Investigators using various on-line platforms in order to acquire required continuing medical education credits, at no additional cost to the county.

-Expanded the Medical Examiner's Office educational outreach by partnering with the emergency medical service program of HCI college.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Medical Examiner	Broward County Office of Medical Examiner And Trauma Services 5301 SW 31 st Avenue Fort Lauderdale FL, 33312	2015-2019
Associate Medical Examiner	Maricopa County Office of the Medical Examiner 701 W. Jefferson Phoenix, AZ 85007	2014- 2015
Associate Medical Examiner	District 21 Medical Examiner Office 70 South Danley Drive Fort Myers, Florida 33907	2008- 2014
Associate Medical Examiner	Miami Dade County Medical Examiner Department Number One on Bob Hope Road Miami, FL 33136	2005- 2008
Podiatry Consultant Pathology course	Barry University 11300 NE 2 nd Avenue Miami Shores, FL 33161	2003
Medical Technologist	John Randolph Medical Center 411 West Randolph Road Hopewell, VA 23860	1993- 1995

EDUCATION

Forensic Pathology Fellowship	Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department Miami, Florida	2004- 2005
Pathology Residency	Mount Sinai Medical Center of Greater Miami Beach Miami Beach, Florida	1999-2004

Medical Doctor	Ponce School of Medicine Ponce, Puerto Rico	1995-1999
Bachelor of Science Major in Medical Technology	University of Vermont Burlington, Vermont	1989- 1993

CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSE

Board Certified in Forensic Pathology – 2007. Recertification 2017
 Board Certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology – 2005
 Florida Medical License ME92953- Active

RELATED EXPERIENCE AND OUTREACH

Florida Atlantic University Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine- Pathology course (PTH 201) Year 4
 Medical Students- Teacher and mentor, 2019-2022

Voluntary Clinical Assistant Professor at the Florida International University, Herbert Wertheim College of
 Medicine- Forensic Pathology lecture(s) 2012-2022

Delray Fire Rescue- Guest lecturer, Determination of death, 2022

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue- Guest lecturer, The effects of medical intervention 2022

Boca Raton Regional Hospital-Guest lecturer, Death Certification, 2022

Palm Beach County Family Assistance and Survivor Care Center (FASCC) plan reviews- Participant 2020-
 2022

Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission:
 Law Enforcement Planning Council Meetings- Participant 2019-2022
 Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy-Speaker 2020-2022

Injury and Death Investigation Class-Palm Beach State College- Guest lecturer 2021-2022

Palm Beach County Domestic Violence Review Team, 2021

Broward College Institute of Public Safety (Law Enforcement) Lecturer- The medicolegal bridge, 2016-2018

Broward (Citizen's) Academy- Lecturer, The function of the Medical Examiner Office 2016-2018

Florida Child Death Review Team:
 - District 21, 2012-2013
 -District 17, 2016-2018

Southwest Florida Institute of Public Service (Law Enforcement) Lecturer- The medicolegal bridge, Fort Myers, FL 2009-2012

Medical Examiner Locum Tenens at District 7, District 12, and District 15, FL 2016-2019

Medical Examiner Locum Tenens at Turks and Caicos, 2006-2008

AWARDS, HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Covid Outstanding Service Recognition- Safety Council of Palm Beach County- 2021

Sydney Israel Resident of the Year Award- Mount Sinai Medical Center - 2003

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society- Ponce School of Medicine Chapter - 1999

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Medical Examiners

Florida Association of Medical Examiners