

District 18 Chief Medical Examiner (BREVARD COUNTY, FL) Announcement:

SALARY RANGE: \$355,000-\$360,000

EXAMPLE OF DUTIES:

(Note: The listed duties are illustrative only and are not intended to describe every function that may be performed. The omission of specific statements does not preclude management from assigning specific duties not listed here if such duties are logical assignments to the position.)

Supervises or performs autopsies for all types of death occurring within the district as prescribed by Florida Statute 406.11 and rules of the Medical Examiner Commission.

Selects Associate Medical Examiner(s) for hire. Provides professional supervision to Associate Medical Examiner(s); directing, overseeing and evaluating work performed.

When appropriate, provides instruction to correct work completed by the Associate to meet the standards of work set forth by the District Medical Examiner.

Specifies and defines forensic standards for the Medical Examiner's Office relative to meeting and interpreting Florida Statute 406.11 and establishes forensic policy and procedure to ensure and enforce standardization.

Responsible for the review of all forensic work to ensure quality and consistency of reports necessary for trial and prosecution purposes.

Provides expert witness capabilities for all forensic criminal and civil actions associated with cases investigated and any other forensic needs within the County.

Develops and promotes cooperation with all elements of the criminal justice system as requested or necessary at the time of scene investigation, autopsy and post autopsy conferences and in anticipation of future inquiries and evaluations.

Establishes, evaluates, and monitors policies and operational procedures for handling potentially infectious and lethal autopsy gases, hazardous chemicals and equipment to assure optimal protection of personnel.

Provides family conferences in person and by telephone to family members of the deceased to increase the level of understanding of causes of death, manner of death and physiologic and psychological mechanisms involved.

Provides educational and informational opportunities through talks and lectures to law enforcement, medical and paramedical groups and other criminal justice and related agencies.

Prepares office budget proposals and controls expenditures within the Medical Examiner's budget.

Provides management leadership, coordinates and directs Medical Examiner's Office staff.

Performs additional work as required.

REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: Must be certified as a Pathologist by the American Board of Pathology in Anatomic and Forensic Pathology and possession of a current license to practice medicine in the State of Florida, as required by the Florida Department of Professional Regulations and have five years of professional experience as an Associate and/or Deputy Medical Examiner.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Must be appointed by the Governor of Florida and remain in good standing with the Governor and the Medical Examiner's Commission.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: (Note: The knowledge, skills and abilities identified in this class specification represent those needed to perform the duties of this class. Additional knowledge, skills and abilities may be applicable for individual positions.)

Thorough knowledge of principles and practices of modern clinical and forensic medicine.

Thorough knowledge of how to testify at depositions and trials as an expert witness on autopsy findings.

Thorough knowledge of Florida Statute 406 (Medical Examiner Act), Florida Administrative Code Chapter 11G (Medical Examiner Rules), Florida Statute 119 (Public Records Law), and Vital Statistics laws that impact on determination of next-of-kin, cremation approval and disposition of bodies.

Ability to perform autopsies and physical examinations to determine cause and manner of death.

Ability to prepare clear, concise narrative descriptions of autopsy findings.

Ability to rotate on-call scene response duties as required.

Ability to respond to and, if necessary, conduct conferences with families, new media, attorneys, insurance agencies, etc.

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.

Ability to cope with the emotional stress generated by dealing with death daily and provides emotional support to families.

Ability to supervise.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: Heavy work is required with long periods standing.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: Involves work in both indoor and outdoor environments. Requires ability to tolerate exposure to inclement weather, chemicals, dust, poor ventilation, foul odors, fumes and fluids of human remains.