

District Medical Examiner

The Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to announce the opportunity for qualified candidates to apply for the position of District 22 Medical Examiner. The District {Chief} Medical Examiner, as the office's single permanent medical examiner, is responsible for fulfilling the requirements of Florida State Statute Chapter 406, in service of Charlotte County, Florida.

The Office of the District 22 Medical Examiner functions through a public-private partnership. The District Medical Examiner is an independent contractor of Charlotte County, its sole jurisdictional county. The modern facility is located in Port Charlotte. In 2021 the office performed 141 autopsies, including three homicides and 72 external examinations and certified 11 deaths by record reviews. There are two law enforcement agencies in the county, the City of Punta Gorda Police and the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office. The District Medical Examiner is regularly involved in professional and educational activities with its service partners including law enforcement, the child death review team, and local civic groups.

The Office of the Medical Examiner is located in Port Charlotte, situated along the pristine Charlotte Harbor, with access to the Gulf, offering world class saltwater deep-sea fishing. We are a stone's throw from Florida's coastal beaches. The beaches of Punta Gorda/Englewood are less crowded, accessible yet quiet, and attract a plethora of birds, dolphins, sea turtles and other wildlife. Charlotte County is also home to more than 65 state and county parks featuring 28 miles of coastal water and 12 miles of sandy beaches. To the south within a 30-minute drive are the resort islands of Sanibel and Captiva. To the north are Venice and Sarasota, with endless cultural venues. The charming city of Punta Gorda is well known for its top-rated arts festival, sailing regatta, antique shops, and award-winning cuisine. There are four major league baseball teams' spring training camps within 30 minutes of Port Charlotte, which is home to the Tampa Bay Rays.

The county offers a low cost of living with no state income tax and safe and friendly communities. The population in the county is approximately 195,000 but increases to 211,148 during the winter months when seasonal residents arrive. Charlotte County has access to three major airports all within a 30-minute drive.

Duties include:

- Performance of autopsies, external examinations and record reviews to determine the cause and manner of death, pursuant to Florida State Statute, Chapter 406.
- Preparation of reports of postmortem examinations.
- Providing testimony in trials, grand juries and depositions.
- Participating in conferences with family members, law enforcement, attorneys, and other individuals to provide information on investigations and autopsies.
- Training personnel as needed or requested.
- Providing educational opportunities for students, law enforcement, local civic groups and the general community.
- Reviewing cases that are reported in which jurisdiction is declined.
- Reviewing cremation authorization requests.
- Maintaining educational knowledge related to forensic pathology and medicolegal death investigation.

Minimum qualifications include:

- Board certification by the American Board of Pathology in, at a minimum, Anatomic Pathology and Forensic Pathology.
- A minimum of 5 years of post-fellowship experience as a practicing forensic pathologist, with at least two years in a supervisory/administrative position.
- The ability to communicate effectively both verbally and through written reports.
- Leadership ability and the ability to exercise considerable independent judgment in overseeing the functioning of the staff of the District 22 Medical Examiner's Office.
- A Florida license to practice medicine.
- A valid Florida driver's license.
- The ability to pass a background check and pre-employment drug screen.

Compensation and benefits include:

- The starting salary is estimated at \$300,000 and is negotiable based on the applicant's experience and qualifications.
- Benefits to be funded by Charlotte County and provided by the District Medical Examiner through his/her private corporation including professional liability insurance, health and dental insurance, 401k with employer and employee contributions, an annual educational conference, annual dues to relevant professional organizations and licensure fees.
- Ample vacation time with funding for locum tenens coverage provided by Charlotte County.

To apply:

Please send the completed employment application and a resume along with professional references to the following email address listed below. Employment applications can be found at the following location: <http://charlotte.solodev.net/core/fileparse.php/447/urlt/me-employment-application.pdf>

meseachcommittee@sao20.org

Applications will be accepted until September 30, 2022, or until the position is filled.

