DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER

Board of County Commissioners St. Johns County, Florida





ABOUT ST. JOHNS COUNTY

On July 21, 1821, Andrew Jackson established St. Johns and Escambia Counties in West and East Florida, with St. Johns County encompassing all areas east of the Suwanee River. For 200 years, St. Johns County has been a place where families establish roots and where residents and visitors alike can share history.

Today, St. Johns County is the 10th fastest-growing county in the United States. The most recent population figure is 265,512, representing an estimated 104,233 households. The County has a relatively wealthy, well-educated demographic profile with a median household income of more than \$82,000 and the second- lowest unemployment rate in the state. Families benefit from its top-ranked public school system and low crime rate.

Bordered by the scenic Atlantic Ocean and St. Johns River, St. Johns County embraces its historic heritage and uniquely diverse communities, which have piqued people's interest for centuries, such as the City of St. Augustine, the nation's oldest city, St. Augustine Beach, Ponte Vedra, and Hastings, the Potato Capital of Florida.

Contributing to St. Johns County's popularity is a low overall cost of living. In addition to not having a state personal income tax, the County does not charge a local gas tax or utility franchise tax, and has a .5% local option sales tax to support schools. County real estate taxes are also the lowest in Northeast Florida with a millage of 13.3141 for residents in unincorporated areas of the County.

Exceptional quality of life, beautiful public parks, and natural waterways are just some of the amenities luring residents and businesses. Area enthusiasts enjoy numerous outdoor recreational activities such as golf, tennis, boating, fishing, and musical entertainment at the nationally recognized St. Augustine Amphitheatre. Shopping, dining, arts and, culture are also on the list of things to experience.

CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER POSITION IN BRIEF

The Chief Medical Examiner for the District Twenty Three Medical Examiner's Office develops and implements policies and procedures for a countywide forensic medical program as mandated by Florida State Statutes, Chapter 406.

District Twenty Three includes St. Johns, Flagler and Putnam counties with a total estimated population of 500,000. Over the past six years, the Office averaged 260 autopsies and is NAME accredited. Funding supports the salary and benefits of additional staff to include an Associate Medical Examiner, support staff of administrative professionals, investigators, and technicians.

The Chief Medical Examiner performs autopsies, external examinations and record reviews to determine cause and manner of death, pursuant to Florida State Statutes, testifies as an expert witness in court, prepares autopsy reports and interprets histology slides and toxicology reports, provides training to assigned personnel, and provides educational opportunities for students, law enforcement, and the general community.





EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Medical Examiner candidates should possess the following education, experience, and preferred traits, knowledge, skills, abilities:

- Graduation from an approved school of medicine and possession of a current license to practice medicine in the State of Florida as required by the Florida Department of Professional Regulation.
- Completion of approved residency in pathology and fellowship in forensic pathology.
- Possession of certification by the American Board of Pathology in both Anatomic and Forensic Pathology.
- 3-5 years' experience with knowledge of state and federal laws regarding the performance and reporting of autopsies.
- Compassionate, trustworthy, and above reproach.
- Skill in planning, organizing, directing and coordinating the work of personnel.
- Comprehensive knowledge of the principles of pathology and court protocols for forensic examiner testimony.
- Detail oriented with excellent writing and public speaking skills.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with County and Court officials, employees, and the public.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

Executive Benefits (100% Employer Paid)

- Employee and Dependent Health Insurance
- Employee Life Insurance and AD&D
- Long Term Disability

Retirement

- Participation in the Florida Retirement System
- Optional Deferred Compensation 457(b)

Annual Salary \$320,000

Additional Benefits

- Medical and Dependent Flex Spending
- Accounts Voluntary and Dependent Life
- Insurance Employee Wellness Programs

Annual Leave

- 20 vacation days and 12 sick days
- 12 paid holidays, plus birthday



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