

STATE OF NEW YORK : COUNTY OF SULLIVAN OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CORONER

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2025

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| TOTAL DEATHS IN COUNTY ----- | 216 |
| TOTAL POST MORTUM EXAMS ----- | 72 |
| NATURAL DEATHS ----- | 167 |
| ACCIDENTAL DEATHS ----- | 14 |
| SUICIDES ----- | 7 |
| HOMOCIDES ----- | 2 |
| OVERDOSE DEATHS ----- | 26 |
| BLOOD DRAW ----- | 2 |
| PENDING FURTHER STUDY ----- | 2 |

Year in review:

It is worth noting that the Coroner's Office had a busy year. Not only active in the field, but we also had four quarterly staff meetings. Topics ranged from the retirement of our primary Pathologist to the concern of having no Pathologist performing autopsies in our county forcing us to seek out-of-county help.

Further, we had two occasions where the morgue coolers at the hospital malfunctioned causing security to rotate human bodies every three hours to maintain proper core temperature. This problem precipitated dialog with the hospital CEO, hospital maintenance, your Coroners, and several cooler manufacturers for a back-up system to meet our needs as the county's population continues to grow. Since then, the present six coolers in the morgue have been upgraded and working satisfactorily.

Additionally, your Coroners, with the diligent work of Senior Coroner Mike Speer, have been able to secure three Pathologists to work for our county;

thereby, alleviating the scare once posed of not having any to perform postmortem examinations here in Sullivan County. Contract negotiations have been completed and contracts forthcoming for signatures.

At the next Coroner's meeting to be held soon, other areas of concern will be discussed and brought to the attention of the Legislature in due time.

At this time, the Coroner's Office would like to thank the Legislators, our County Manager, the budget office, for understanding the needs of our office; and supporting the most important, sensitive work we do for the residents and visitors of Sullivan County in their time of need.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



ALBEE E. BOOKMAN

Sullivan County Coroner and Department Liaison