1. Interagency Communication
   a. Jurisdiction
      Understand jurisdiction of the medical examiner/coroner and of the decedent and scene
   b. Collect Essential Information
      Establish decedent profile and determine essential information
   c. Interact with Law Enforcement
      Establish a cooperative relationship and understand their responsibilities and duties
   d. Interact with Funeral Homes
      Establish a cooperative relationship and understand their responsibilities and duties
   e. Interact with Media
      Understand how to communicate with the media
   f. Ancillary Agencies
      Knowledge of agencies that work alongside the medical examiner/coroner
   g. Release of Information
      Knowledge of HIPAA compliance and legal aspects of releasing information

2. Communication with Families
   a. Death Notification
      Knowledge of how to appropriately notify next of kin
   b. Obtain Information
      Understand what information is essential to collect from family and how to obtain the information
   c. Identification Viewing
      Understand how to prepare families for the condition of the decedent upon viewing
   d. Inform of Procedures
      Knowledge of what procedures the family should be aware of during and after the investigation
   e. Recognize Reactions
      Knowledge of common reactions of family members during and after the investigation
   f. Facilitate Requests
      Knowledge of how to facilitate and address requests made by family during and after the investigation
   g. Report Findings
      Knowledge of how information should be released to the family during and after the investigation to include autopsy results

3. Scene Response and Documentation
   a. Scene Arrival
      Understand the role of the medical examiner/coroner on scene and the importance of collaboration
   b. Securing the Scene
      Knowledge of how to properly secure a scene
   c. Scene Safety
      Understand when a scene is considered safe
d. **Professionalism**
   Understand the importance of professionalism while conducting investigations

e. **Dignity of the Deceased**
   Understand how to maintain dignity of the deceased throughout the investigation

f. **Scene Equipment**
   Knowledge of equipment commonly used during investigations to include PPE and cameras

g. **Scene Photography**
   Knowledge of proper scene photography techniques including what should be photographed

h. **Scene Documentation**
   Knowledge of how to properly and thoroughly document a scene

i. **Scene Evidence**
   Identification and collection of evidence and distinguishing from personal property

j. **Effective Witness Interviews**
   Knowledge of how to conduct interviews with witnesses during and after the investigation

4. **Body Assessment and Documentation**
   a. **Body Photography**
      Knowledge of proper body photography techniques including what should be photographed
   
b. **Physical Assessment**
      Knowledge of how to conduct a physical assessment of the body, to include the following:
         i. **Anatomy**
         ii. **Resuscitative Artifacts**
         iii. **Surgical Artifacts**
         iv. **Postmortem Changes**
         v. **Injury Recognition**

5. **Completing the Investigation**
   a. **Identification**
      Knowledge of the proper and acceptable ways of identifying remains
   
b. **Compose Investigative Narrative**
      Knowledge of how to complete a clear, concise narrative report
   
c. **Follow Up**
      Knowledge of duties that need to be performed to complete an investigation to include:  
         i. follow up with other agencies
         ii. complete required forms
         iii. release of evidence and
         iv. chain of custody
   
d. **Interacting with Forensic Pathologists**
      Knowledge of information needed for the Forensic Pathologist to determine the cause and manner of death or make other decisions in regards to the investigation process

  e. **Facilitate Organ and Tissue Donation**
Knowledge of organ and tissue donation and the donation process

f. Manners of Death
   Knowledge of the different manners of death

g. Certification of Death
   Knowledge of the death certification process

6. Additional Medicolegal Death Investigator Duties
   a. Health and Wellness
      Recognition and maintenance of health and wellness
   b. Unidentified/ Unclaimed Remains
      Knowledge of disposition of unidentified and/ or unclaimed remains
   c. Multiple Fatalities
      Knowledge of proper response and scene processing involving multiple fatalities
   d. Testimony
      Knowledge of appropriate courtroom behavior, preparation, and types of testimony

7. Forensic and Medical Knowledge
   a. Forensic Science
      Knowledge of forensic science to include forensic specialties (e.g., ballistics, toxicology, entomology, anthropology, odontology, etc.)
   b. Forensic Pathology
      Knowledge of basic forensic pathology
   c. Medical Knowledge
      Understand basic medical terminology and disease processes