



Office of the Medical Examiner

City of St. Louis

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APPLICATION FOR THE POSITION OF: MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATOR I

CLASS TITLE & CLASS CODE:
Medicolegal Death Investigator I

ABOUT THE POSITION:

This position is under the immediate supervision of the Chief Investigator. Conduct specialized medicolegal death investigations in the office and out in the field which occur within the jurisdiction of Medical Examiner Law RSMO Chapter 58.720 and occur within the geographic boundaries of the City of St. Louis.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Education and Experience:

Investigators will have ABMDI certification, an associate/bachelor's degree or advanced degree with major coursework in criminal justice, forensics, crime scene investigation, anthropology, medicolegal death investigation, law enforcement, biology, anatomy, pharmacology, nursing, funeral sciences or related studies. Investigators may also have five years prior work experience in a medicolegal, criminal investigative and or any equivalent combination of related education, or training that enable meeting the key requirements. Investigators are responsible for keeping their credentials and skills up to standards.

Licensing & Certification:

Must be a Missouri resident. St. Louis City resident preferred. Must possess a valid Missouri Class F Driver license at time of appointment. American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigation (ABMDI) certification is preferred.

Background Investigation:

Employment is contingent upon successful completion of a background investigation.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Investigators will understand the Medical Examiner's role, function, laws, and jurisdictional requirements. Investigators will conduct medicolegal investigations into the cause, manner, and circumstances of death in accordance with the guidelines of the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators, the standards of the National Association of Medical Examiners, Homeland Security, and the Department of Justice. Investigators will safely operate a city vehicle to respond to and investigate deaths at a death scene. Investigators will practice universal health precautions and crime scene investigation protocols to preserve, avoid destruction, loss, or contamination of any forensic evidence. Investigators will maintain proper inventory and chain of custody of all property and evidence. Safe scene practices will be utilized at all times.



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Telephone death investigations may involve interviewing witnesses including medical professionals, police officers, and family members regarding the details of a case. The types of death Investigators will encounter include natural and non-natural fatalities, child death, homicidal violence, suicide, drug/alcohol involved death, motor vehicular, after-the-fact deaths, deaths that occur in a home or public place, deaths due to environmental conditions, contagious or considered a public health threat and others as described in the state law. Investigators are also prepared to investigate multi-fatality incidents.

All investigations are entered into a system computer at each stage. The Investigator prepares detailed narrative reports, in addition to requests for supporting medical documentation from outside agencies and law enforcement. Excellent writing and interview skills required.

Investigators will interact with individuals undergoing major loss, grief, and bereavement. Investigators should have the mobility and stamina to work in a combined office and field setting; and ability to work quickly and independently. The office conducts investigations 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. Investigators must have flexibility to work evening, night, holiday and weekend shifts.