ABOUT THE

WEST TENNESSEE REGIONAL FORENSIC CENTER

The $13 million West Tennessee Regional Forensic Center (WTRFC) includes 32,000 square feet of operational space, and is located in Memphis, the second largest city in Tennessee, with a population of more than 653,000. The office is centrally located near downtown in the heart of the Medical District.

The WTRFC performs approximately 1,000 autopsies per year for 13 counties west of the Tennessee River. The center encounters a wide variety of cases, including traumatic deaths, toxicological deaths, and natural deaths. Affiliation with the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) Department of Pathology, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, and Methodist University Hospital allows consultations in many pathology subspecialties, including pediatric pathology, neuropathology, and all of the surgical pathology subspecialties, as well as access to medical microbiology and clinical chemistry.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Accredited by the National Association of Medical Examiners since 1978
- On-staff forensic anthropologist certified by the American Board of Forensic Anthropology
- Consulting odontologist certified by the American Board of Forensic Odontology
- Lodox eXero-dr (March 2018) with integrated PACS (The WTRFC will be the first facility to install the newest full-body x-ray technology)
- 8 ABMDI registered medicolegal death investigators
- 7 experienced autopsy technicians
- 4 board certified forensic pathologists
- Teaching institution with a forensic pathology fellowship program, rotating pathology residents, and a summer preceptorship program for first-year medical students

Just a Few Reasons to **Choose 901**

5TH CHEAPEST CITY IN THE COUNTRY TO LIVE
ACCRA COST OF LIVING INDEX 2104

Ranked #4 HAPPIEST CITY FOR JOB-SEEKING COLLEGE GRADS BY *FORBES*

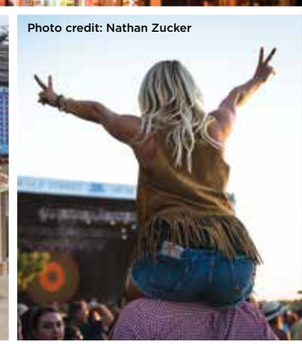
Ranked #4 BEST COST OF LIVING
BUSINESS FACILITIES; 2015

3RD LARGEST CITY IN THE SOUTHEAST

Ranked #2 CITY FOR MUSIC LOVERS
THE LEARNING CHANNEL

Ranked #1 BEST SOUTHERN EVENT - MEMPHIS IN MAY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
TODAY; 2015

Ranked #1 BEST BBQ CITY
NEWS AND WORLD REPORT; 2012



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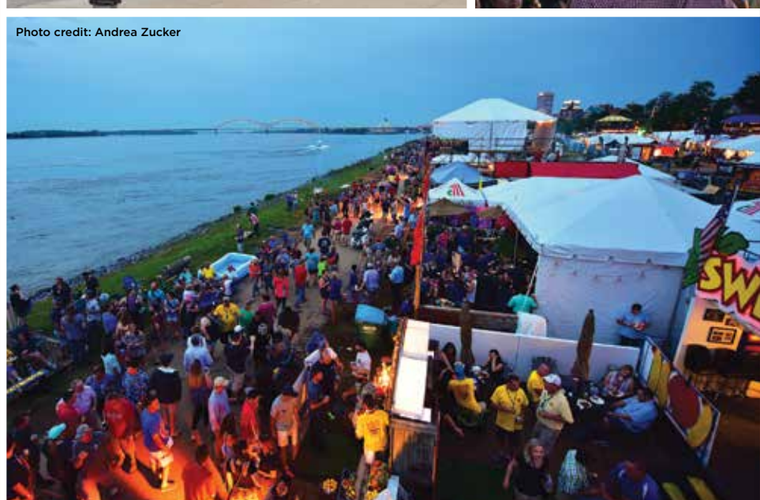

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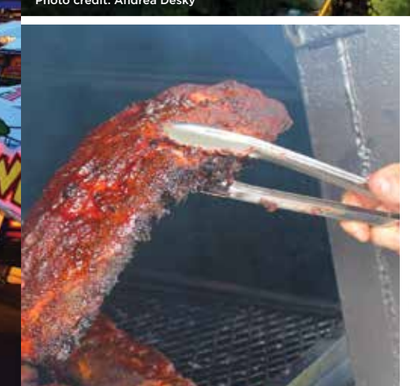

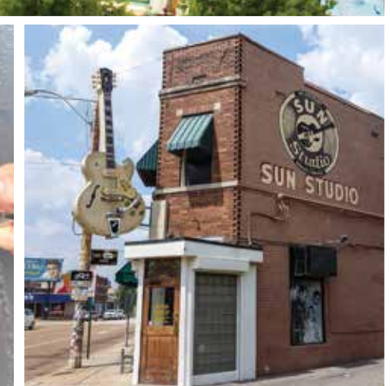

FAVORITE ICONIC AMERICAN STREET: BEALE STREET; *USA TODAY*; 2013

HOME TO 2ND LARGEST URBAN COUNTY PARK IN THE UNITED STATES; SHELBY FARMS PARK

HOME TO THE NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM

MEMPHIS ROCK 'N' SOUL MUSEUM

SUN STUDIOS "BIRTHPLACE OF ROCK-N-ROLL"

STAX MUSEUM

BEALE STREET MUSIC FEST

THE MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES

THE MEMPHIS REDBIRDS

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POSITION AVAILABLE

MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATOR

PAY GRADE: 38

HIRING RATE: $19.17

JOB SUMMARY/ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

The Medicolegal Death Investigator assists the investigation of deaths reported to the West Tennessee Regional Forensic Center, Office of the Medical Examiner, particularly as regards the seeking, gathering, and documentation of pertinent circumstantial, historical, and other medicolegal data. This position aids the Medical Examiner with identification of the decedent, determination of cause and manner of death, preservation of evidence, and anticipated future questions.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Receives and responds to the initial report of a death or request for cremation
- Creates an office record with the preliminary information
- Seeks and gathers facts and additional data necessary to establish the Medical Examiner's jurisdiction
- Communicates and coordinates with the Medical Examiner, family members, employers, witnesses, and personnel from law enforcement, hospital, medical, civil, mortuary, insurance, and other fields
- Responds as appropriate to the death or injury scene or body location; Inspects and documents by means of notes, diagrams, sketches, and photography the appearance and condition of the locale, body, and other pertinent objects on or near or associated with the body
- Makes preliminary external examination of the body as appropriate with reference to identification of findings and factors related to time, place, manner, and cause of injury, disease, or death, and with reference to routine physical characteristic documentation and identity
- Obtains pertinent past and present medical, social, family, and other history from persons and sources associated with the decedent, including family, physicians, hospitals, co-workers, employers, and law enforcement agencies
- Prepares for collection and removal the body and any pertinent valuables or evidentiary materials, and removes or transports the body or materials to the appropriate location or facility
- Ensures the preservation and storage of evidentiary items and materials, available records, the body, and any associated clothing, valuables, or personal effects
- Performs related duties as assigned

REQUIREMENTS:

Bachelor's degree; Master's Degree preferred. Two years acceptable and proven experience in death investigation; law enforcement; and/or Licensed Paramedic/EMT OR a combination of education and work experience to equal ten years of related experience. This position requires knowledge of laws and standards of medico legal investigation, anatomy, physiology, medical terminology, and forensic pathology. Must be able to work in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment. Must be available to work rotating shift, days and holidays. Certification from the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators is required within one year of hire date. Work is generally performed in a clinical setting or exam room. Position will occasionally be exposed to environmental elements such as; heat, rain, or cold when conducting on-site crime scene investigations. Position will also be exposed to biohazards and chemicals necessary for the autopsy procedures during the pre and post-mortem process.

BENEFITS:

- Health or Health Savings CDHP (with/without wellness)
- Dental
- Vision
- Life Insurance: Basic and Optional Term
- Long-term Disability
- Short-term Disability
- Optional Accidental Death Insurance
- Flexible Spending Accounts
- Retirement: 401k, 403b, and 457b
- Educational Assistance: Employee, Eligible Spouse, and Dependent
- Annual Leave, Sick Leave, Longevity Pay, and Paid Holidays

TO APPLY:

Follow the job link at **uthsc.edu/forensic-center**.

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