



# FORENSIC INVESTIGATOR I

**SALARY: \$47,843 - \$52,937**

The Onondaga County Medical Examiner's Office (OCMEO), a NAME-accredited office in Syracuse, New York, is recruiting for a Forensic Investigator I position as it continues to grow as the regional medical examiner's office in Central New York. The office is located in the Center for Forensic Sciences, a modern facility that also houses all the county's forensic laboratories, including DNA, criminalistics, firearms, latents and digital evidence. The office serves Onondaga and surrounding Central New York counties (pop. 985,000). The successful candidate will join four board certified forensic pathologists and other dedicated staff including a director of operations, 6 forensic investigators (ABMDI certified), 5 assistant forensic investigators, 5 autopsy technicians, 2 morgue attendants, and other administrative personnel. In 2014, the OCMEO investigated 2,290 deaths. Of these, 1,044 fell under medical examiner jurisdiction and 388 required scene response.

## CENTRAL NEW YORK LIVING:

The greater Syracuse area offers a wonderful quality of life that includes excellent schools, a [low cost of living](#), short commute times, outdoor recreation, [Syracuse University](#) and a vibrant arts/theater/music community. One-hour flights to New York City and only hours to drive to Adirondack Mountains, Finger Lakes region, and major cities in Canada. To learn more about Syracuse and the Central New York area visit:

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## JOB DUTIES:

Responsibilities include scene investigation with examination of the body at the location of death, inspection of the scene environment, photo-documentation of the scene findings, meeting with families and/or witnesses, and collecting physical evidence for possible further testing. Investigators must work collaboratively with, but independent of, law enforcement authorities, emergency medical responders, and physicians both at the scene and through ongoing investigative communications relative to identification of decedents, family contacts, obtaining medical and social history, and funeral home disposition. Information is summarized in a medicolegal death investigation report.

## QUALIFICATIONS:

A. Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's degree related to a science (biological or physical science or anthropology) or a health-related curriculum (such as nursing) or criminal justice **AND** successful completion of an internship with a minimum of 150 hours in a Medical Examiner's office; or

B. Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an Associate's degree related to a science (biological or physical science or anthropology) or a health-related curriculum (such as nursing) or criminal justice **AND** two (2) years of work experience as a medicolegal death investigator\*; or

C. American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators board certification.

\*NOTE: Investigation experience must have involved field work to gather information (photos, measurements, data, evidence and interviews). Conducting structured interviews, telephone checks, collection work or simple on-site observations will not be considered as investigation experience.

### SPECIAL NECESSARY REQUIREMENT:

When required to operate motor vehicles, employees must possess a valid Non-CDL or CDL license with appropriate endorsements as required by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles for the class of vehicle(s) being operated.

### BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION:

Applicants will be required to undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation, which will include a fingerprint check to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification.

## BENEFITS:

- Medical, Dental and Vision coverage
- 11 Vacation days annually (increases with years of service)
- 3 Personal days annually
- 12 paid holidays annually
- New York State Retirement/Pension and Deferred Compensation Program
- Flexible Spending Accounts for health and dependent care
- On-site Parking for weekend and evening shifts
- Employee Assistance Program

## APPLICATION:

An application may be initiated by submitting a cover letter and resume to Catherine Unger, Director of Operations at [catherineunger@ongov.net](mailto:catherineunger@ongov.net). Address questions to Catherine Unger at (315) 435-3163, x4032 or via email.