

Department Name	Albany County Coroner's Office
Account(s)	1185

Department Function
<p>The Albany County Coroner's Office investigates deaths that occur within the County of a suspicious or violent nature. The Coroner's Office records those fatalities and assists survivors who are grieving or experiencing trauma as a result from the death of a loved one.</p> <p>The four elected Coroners serve the citizens of Albany County and in some circumstances, families from surrounding counties and states if a death occurs within our jurisdiction. Services are provided 24-hours per day, seven days a week, year round.</p> <p>The office maintains complete and accurate records of all cases and provides reports to next-of-kin and all appropriate law enforcement and government agencies. Coroners and support staff also direct next-of-kin to the proper resources and communicate with funeral homes, in order to coordinate the transporting of decedents to and from hospital morgues for autopsies, when required.</p>

Current Year Highlights
<p>All deaths are investigated by our Albany County Coroners professionally and in a timely manner.</p> <p>Our pathologists are highly educated and are recognized throughout Albany County and surrounding counties for their proficiency and professionalism.</p> <p>Our support staff tracks overdose deaths, in order to provide accurate information to government agencies amid the opioid crisis.</p> <p>Our office staff also tracks homicides, as well as suicides, that occur within the county to provide information to the NYS Department of Health, when requested.</p> <p>Inmate Autopsies are also tracked and recorded.</p> <p>This year, two brand new Coroner vehicles were acquired by our office, making the response to calls throughout the county much more efficient.</p> <p>Our office is implementing a new electronic Case Management System, which will help manage and track each case in a more efficient and thorough manner.</p>

Next Year Projects
<p>Each year, the number of deaths within the county increases, as well as expenses for services necessary to complete a thorough death investigation. Our office cannot predict the number of cases we will have year-to-year, therefore an increase in the department's budget is requested in order to maintain these services.</p>

