

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY PROGRAM EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE
February 16, 2005

- A. **INSTRUCTIONS:** For each program, list the Scheduled Review Date, the Department, the Department Mission Statement and the Program Title at the top of the page, and answer the following questions for each program. The overall response for each program should be no greater than two (2) pages in length.

SCHEDULED REVIEW DATE: April 12, 2005

DEPARTMENT: Coroner

DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Coroner is to investigate unexplained, unusual or suspicious deaths and provide proper determination of cause and manner of death.

PROGRAM: Death Investigations

1. **Describe the program, its purpose and goals.**
State mandated requirement to investigate all deaths that are unexplained, unusual or suspicious, such as homicides, suicides or accidental as reportable by State Statutes.
2. **Who is the program intended to serve? How many are served?**
Program serves the deceased and/or family members of the deceased, funeral homes and occasionally law enforcement personnel. Number served varies.
3. **Are the program benefits long-lasting and essential to the service populations?**
Yes, required by state statutes.
4. **Is this program directly or indirectly related to or does it support any other program in this department or another department? If so, how?**
No.
5. **How does this program make the department or county government more effective or efficient, including any intergovernmental relationship?**
Department operates w/ minimal interaction with other County departments. If necessary, the department provides information to assist the Sheriff's Department in investigation of suspicious deaths.
6. **How do you determine/measure if this program has been effectively provided and implemented?**
Deaths are properly registered and investigated if necessary.
7. **Could the county cost-effectively subcontract this program?**
Autopsies are already contracted out.
8. **State the numerical ranking of this program compared to all programs in your department and briefly explain.**
#1 -- it is the only program.
9. **Are there current alternatives to this program available in the community? Can this program be provided through alternative arrangements with other providers?**
No, required by State Statutes.
10. **If this program were eliminated, what would be the ramifications for the County (i.e., added risk, liability or legal issues)?**
Violation of State Statutes.

11. What is the program impact and effectiveness related to the program cost? (Provide data if available.)

2004 departmental results are as follows:

<i>Revenues:</i>	<i>\$24,825</i>
<i>Less expenditures:</i>	<i><u>(74,607)</u></i>
<i>Total:</i>	<i>(\$49,782)</i>

652 deaths were investigated during this same timeframe; thus the cost per investigation is \$76.35.

The department includes the coroner, chief deputy coroner and three deputies. Service is provided 24/7 and staff receive no benefits such as paid vacation, sick leave, health insurance, retirement, etc. Net hourly rate to provide the services for 2004 was \$2.92.

12. Is this program currently duplicated by another county department or provider in the community?
No.