



# Coroner's Office

FY 2019-21 Recommended Budget

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**Coroner**  
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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO



# Mission

**The Coroner's Office promptly investigates and determines the mode, manner, and cause of death of decedents under the Coroner's jurisdiction. Services are provided in an efficient and courteous manner, respecting the needs of the families involved.**

# FY 2017-19 Accomplishments

- **Elder Death Scene Investigation**
- **Death Review and Analysis**
  - **Reinvigorated Domestic Violence Death Review Team**
  - **Introduced “Suicide Consolidated Risk Assessment Profile”**
  - **Real-time surveillance and referral of alcohol and drug related deaths to Public Health Epidemiology**
- **Mutual Aid Participation**
  - **Butte County deployment**



# FY 2017-19 Accomplishments

- Inaugural “Bay Area Missing Persons Day”
- New infant death investigation course
- Updated and improved the at risk-youth program “Save-A-Life”
- Disaster preparedness and mass fatality planning
- Forensic anthropology workshop
- “Sober Prom” and “Every 15 Minutes”
- Provided academic internships





# FY 2019-20 Budget Overview

	FY 2018-19 Revised	FY 2019-20 Recommended	Amount Change	Percent Change
Total Sources	\$1,098,084	\$1,098,084	\$0	0
Total Requirements	\$3,401,085	\$3,721,918	\$320,833	9.4
Net County Cost	\$2,303,001	\$2,623,834	\$320,833	13.9
Total Positions	13	13	0	0

# FY 2020-21 Budget Overview

	FY 2019-20 Recommended	FY 2020-21 Preliminary Recommended	Amount Change	Percent Change
Total Sources	\$1,098,084	\$1,098,084	\$0	0
Total Requirements	\$3,721,918	\$3,729,065	\$7,147	0.2
Net County Cost	\$2,623,834	\$2,630,981	\$7,147	0.3
Total Positions	13	13	0	0

# FY 2019-21 Budget Overview

- One-time Proposition 172 sales tax funds for technology equipment upgrades
- Increase in salaries and benefits due to negotiated changes
- Increase in Forensic Pathology contracts
- Replacement of retired Medical Transcriptionist with Executive Assistant, returning previously contracted administrative and budget work, and contracting medical transcription services
- Increase in services and supplies due to increasing costs of laundering services and destruction of biohazardous materials and drug pharmaceuticals

# FY 2019-21 Challenges

- **Forensic pathology facility re-location, design, and construction of new facility**
- **Forensic Pathologist succession planning**



# FY 2019-21 Priorities and Innovations

- Computerized case management system upgrade and decommission of outdated server
- Office accreditation through International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners (IAC&ME)
- Certification of Deputy Coroners through American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI)

**Core Values: Independence, Excellence,  
Compassion, Collaboration, Prevention**



# Questions?