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**COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**Greene County, Missouri**  
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**Greene County Commission  
Commission Briefing Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 18, 2022**  
9:30 AM  
Commission Conference Room  
1443 N. Robberson, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor

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**Attendees:** Bob Dixon, Rusty MacLachlan, John Russell, Chris Coulter, Aubrey Lee, Robert Jehle, Jenny Hayward, Natalie Gomez, Deiter Duff and Laura Merriman.

**Teleconference Attendees:** Allen Icet, Royce Denny, Cindy Stein, Tina Phillips, Jeff Scott, Jeff Bassham, Fred Lizama, Andrea Stewart, Rob Rigdon, Jim Arnott and Jess Kerr.

**Informational Items**

IS- Jess Kerr

- New Jail Technology Update
- Phone Technology Follow-up

Purchasing- Laura Merriman

- Update on Bids
- Follow-up on Contracts
- Upcoming Events

Pre-Trial- Natalie Gomez

- PSA Report Update
- Job Openings

Medical Examiner- Deiter Duff

- Year Summary for 2021 (See Attachment)

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**Items for Consideration and Action by the Commission**

**Other:**

With no other business the meeting was adjourned.

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IS  
Purchasing  
Pre-Trial  
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Other:



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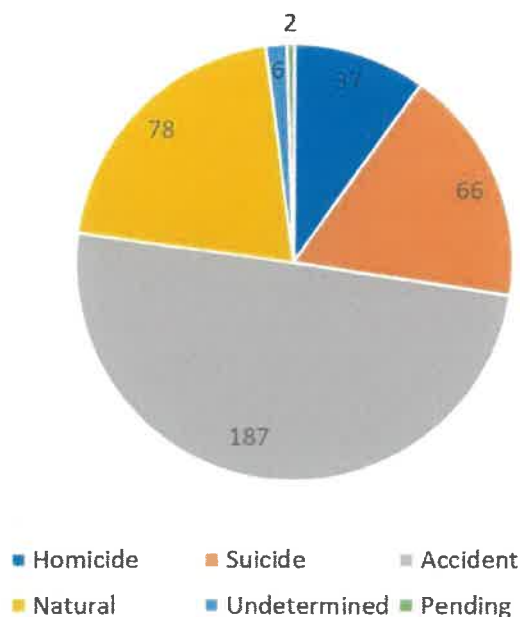
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## 2021 Summary

- **5174 calls** reporting deaths to Medical Examiner's Office; investigators on call 24/7 to receive calls and respond to scenes
- **1149 death certificates** signed
- 65 toxicology only cases
- 376 postmortem examinations
  - 239 full autopsies
  - 119 external examinations
  - 18 partial autopsies
  - **297 autopsy equivalents** (considers 3 external examinations equivalent to the work of 1 autopsy)
- **Turnaround time** for postmortem reports
  - **66.5 days average** completion time
  - 75% of reports completed within 60 days
  - 94.7% of reports completed within 90 days

Manner of Death for Postmortem Cases



### Notable Subcategories of Postmortem Cases

- 135 drug intoxication deaths
- 78 gunshot wound deaths
- 29 motor vehicle fatalities
- 12 deaths age 1-17
- 2 infant deaths (12 months or less)



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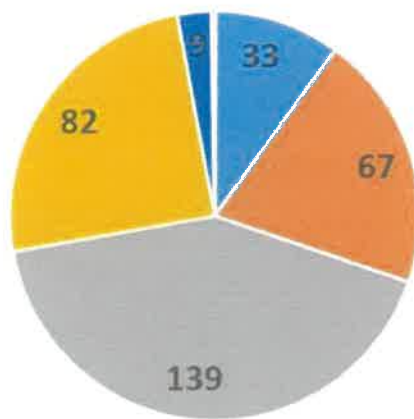
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# 2020 Summary

- **4062 calls** reporting deaths to Medical Examiner's Office; investigators on call 24/7 to receive calls and respond to scenes
- **868 death certificates** signed
- 48 toxicology only cases
- 331 postmortem examinations
  - 214 full autopsies
  - 99 external examinations
  - 18 partial autopsies
  - **282 autopsy equivalents** (considers 2 external examinations equivalent to the work of 1 autopsy)
- **Turnaround time** for postmortem reports
  - **28 days average** completion time
  - 92.7% of reports completed within 60 days
  - 96.7% of reports completed within 90 days

### Manner of Death for Postmortem Cases



### Notable Subcategories of Postmortem Cases

- 107 drug intoxication deaths
- 75 methamphetamine and/or fentanyl deaths
- 72 gunshot wound deaths
- 43 hypertensive and/or atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease deaths
- 34 motor vehicle fatalities
- 7 deaths age 1-17
- 6 infant deaths (12 months or less)

