

Coroner's Office Responsibilities at Investigated Death Scenes

Oftentimes the role of the coroner is vastly misunderstood by both the public and by law enforcement, with the contributions the coroner's office can make to an investigation frequently being overlooked. The focus of this presentation will be on the roles and responsibilities of the coroner's office and how they differ from the perspective of law enforcement as it relates to processing and investigating a death scene. This presentation will include case studies that demonstrate the benefit of working together on scene to produce the best possible outcome for the investigation, including how the role of the crime scene investigator can help or hinder the investigation by the coroner's office.