

OCME QUALITY ASSURANCE AND CONTROL PROGRAM

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Quality Assurance and Control Program of the D.C. Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) is to ensure that: 1) the professional activities of the OCME staff are in compliance with the standards of the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) and the College of American Pathologists (CAP); and 2) the units within the OCME comply with their individual policies and standard operating procedures.

QUALITY CONTROL OFFICER

The OCME Quality Control Officer is responsible for ensuring that all units within the OCME are in compliance with the quality assurance and control program. The Quality Control Officer will also be responsible for assessing quality control measures in other jurisdictions and obtaining information on the best practices in other medical examiner offices throughout the region. The officer shall make recommendations on quality control issues within the agency as it relates to the overall death investigation and certification process, acceptance and release processes, case filing and retention and mortuary services. Toxicology will only be reviewed and commented on from a laymen's perspective.

ANNUAL REPORT

The OCME Quality Control Office will produce the agency's Annual Report during which any and all discrepancies will be remedied by a stringent QA process.

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UNIT PROGRAMS**

- 1. Medical Examiner**
- 2. Investigations**
- 3. Toxicology Laboratory**
- 4. Records Management**
- 5. Communications/Case Processing**
- 6. Mortuary**
- 5. Photography**