



2024 Annual Report

OFFICE OF THE KENDALL COUNTY CORONER
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379 Total Deaths (1/1/2024 – 12/31/2024)

2024 Total Allowed Budget: **\$222,984**
2024 Actual Spent: **\$207,304**

Types of Deaths Reportable to the Coroner

The Illinois Coroner Act, 55 ILCS 5/3-3 et. al., mandates that specific types of death are to be referred to the Coroner for investigation. These deaths include sudden and unexpected deaths, accidental deaths, and violent deaths. The Coroner has the authority under this act to order an autopsy at any time it is deemed necessary to determine or confirm the cause and manner of death.

In addition to statutorily mandated death investigations, the Coroner's Office requires all deaths occurring in the county to be reported to our office to ensure appropriate investigation of all necessary cases.

Why is the Coroner involved, and what does the Coroner's Office do?

Illinois law requires that the Coroner's Office investigate any death of a sudden, violent, or suspicious nature. Any death that occurs outside of a hospital setting requires notification to the Coroner's Office.

The principal responsibility of the Coroner is to assure that a death did not occur as the result of foul play. To help determine the manner and cause of death, the investigator may employ a variety of investigative techniques including interviews with family members and physicians, scene analysis and photography, and physical examination of the decedent. Oftentimes, these aspects of the investigation will provide the information needed to close the death investigation. The primary physician may be allowed to certify the death certificate.

Community Involvement

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The Coroner's Office continued to expand our popular Community Support & Harm Reduction Program through the use of State Opioid Response Grant funds. As a service to our citizens, this program now offers **seven prescription medication drop boxes, one medical sharps drop box, free Narcan nasal spray devices, and free medical sharps waste containers**. We also continue to accept unused/unexpired diabetic supplies for donation year-round through our partnership with Insulin For Life (IFL) and host drive-through takeback events every April and October through our partnership with the US Drug Enforcement Administration.

Throughout the year, the Coroner's Office was able to destroy or donate over **810 pounds of medications and diabetic supplies** and dispose of over **500 pounds of medical sharps**, ensuring that these items no longer pose a hazard to the public.

To learn more about our community programs, visit <https://takeback.kendallcoroner.org> or scan the QR code to the left.

Deaths by Manner & Cause

MANNER	Total: 379
Natural	343
Accident	23
Suicide	11
Homicide	1
Undetermined	1

Non-Natural Deaths

ACCIDENT	Total: 23
Overdose	11
Falls/Injuries	7
Motor Vehicle Collision	4
Choking	1
SUICIDE	Total: 11
Gunshot Wound	5
Hanging / Ligature	3
Overdose	1
Self-Immolation	1
Pedestrian vs. Train	1
HOMICIDE	Total: 1
Gunshot Wound	1

Natural Deaths

CAUSE	Total: 343
Cardiovascular / Respiratory	131
Cancer	107
Other	105

Organ & Tissue Donations

Organ & Tissue Donations	
Reported / All Calls	75
Tissue Referrals	20
Tissue Approaches	13
Tissue Donations	5

Coroner's Office Staff

Jacquie Purcell

Coroner

Cherie McCarron

Forensic Services Manager

Terry Fenoglio

Deputy Coroner

Cristie Fry

Coroner's Assistant

Kristin Escobar Alvarenga

Forensic Pathologist

Jessica Gotte

Senior Deputy Coroner

Jennifer Johnson

Administrative Assistant

William Bergland

Coroner's Assistant

Levi Gotte

Chief Deputy Coroner

William Sutton

Deputy Coroner

Allen Grobe

Coroner's Assistant

Kendra Puga

Transporter

The motto of the Kendall County Coroner's Office is "*carorum ad curam*", which is translated as "to take care of loved ones". This motto is the guiding principle by which we operate, and our staff is dedicated to supporting our citizens in any way that we can. Our office is always available by calling (630) 553-4200.