

Office of the Coroner

Newberry County

Coroner Laura G. Kneece, F-AMBDI

2018 Annual Report

Newberry County Demographics

Newberry County, South Carolina is a rural farm county that spans over 647 square miles and has a population 38,530 citizens, as July 01, 2018, which is a 2.7% increase in population since 2010. The government is comprised of council-administrator type of government. Newberry County is divided into seven districts, each district is represented by an elected County Council representative, with each serving a four year term. Newberry County along with the entire state of South Carolina is based off the Coroner's system. Each county coroner is elected and serves four year terms.

Mission Statement

To serve the citizens of Newberry County with professionalism and integrity, while upholding the commitment to determine the cause and manner of death in a dignified manner and maintain respect for the families.

Coroner's Office goals and objectives

Goals

- I. Continue to develop and conduct awareness training with all county emergency services.
- II. Continue public education and awareness in the community and in the schools.
- III. Become more effective in time management by using in-vehicle computers while on death scenes.
- IV. Decrease time inventorying decedent's prescription medications with the use of an automatic pill counter.
- V. Develop a family advocacy program to assist with loss and grief.
- VI. Increase Deputy Coroner's pay to help with daily paperwork, death certificates, cremation permits, letters to families, schedules, and assist with general daily office duties and training.

Objectives

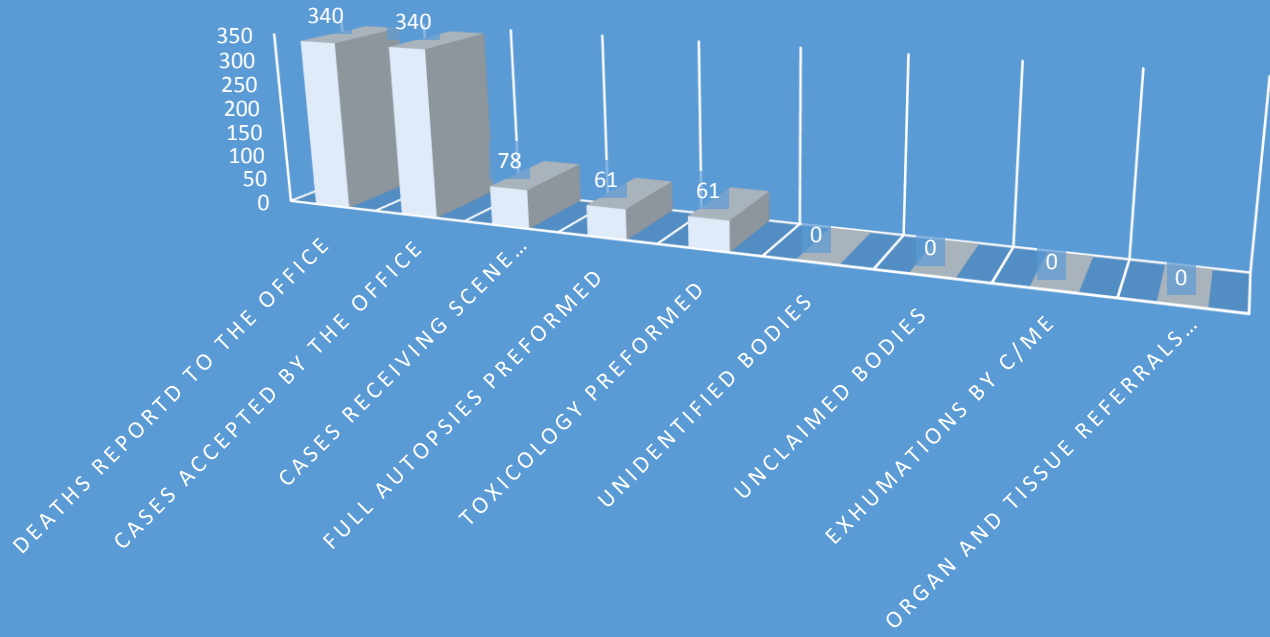
- I. Continue to provide education to emergency personal in all aspects of death scene investigations.
- II. Continue to educate the community and school on current trends relating to drug related deaths, motor vehicle collisions, and general wellness tips.
- III. Retain valuable and qualified staff in Newberry County by increasing Deputy Coroner's salaries.
- IV. Increase training opportunities and supplies in order to conduct more thorough death investigations.
- V. Develop and implement an internship program for health sciences high school and college students.
- VI. Decrease time spent counting prescription medications.

Descriptive and Statistical Data

In 2018, Newberry County Coroner's office answered and accepted a total of 340 calls for service. This total call volume consisted of 78 on-scene response calls, 120 notification calls and 144 hospice calls. The Coroner's office was responsible for transporting 61 of these decedents to a morgue facility, with 61 full post mortem exams with toxicology being performed.

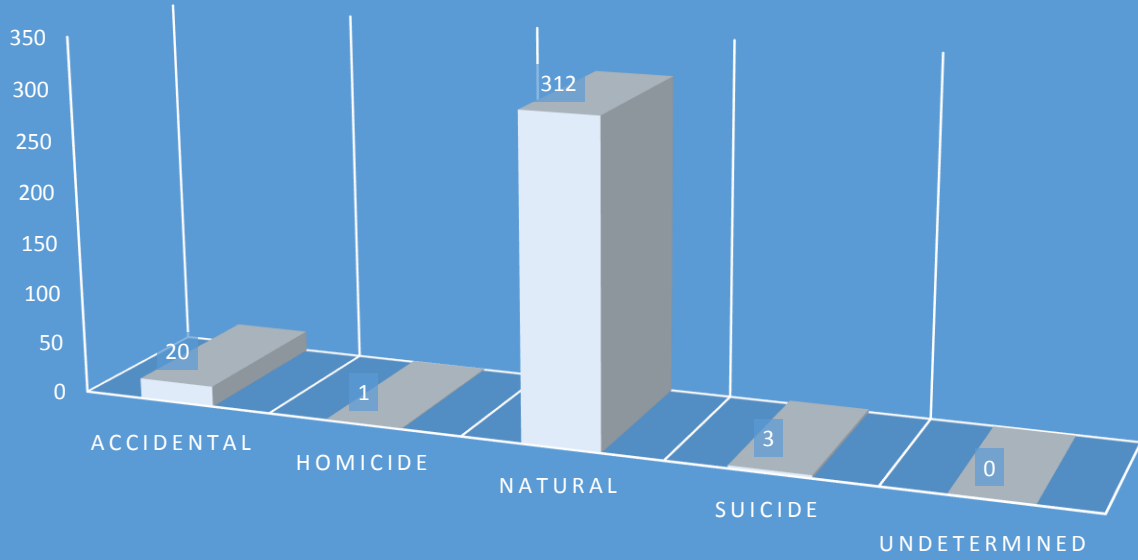
The categorical statistics for these 2018 deaths were as follows: 312 determined as Natural, 20 as Accident, 3 as Suicide, 1 death as a Homicide and six reportable fatal deaths.

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	Deaths reportd to the office	Cases accepted by the office	Cases receiving scene investigation by C/ ME	Full autopsies preformed	Toxicology preformed	Unidentifie d bodies	Unclaimed bodies	Exhumatio ns by C/ME	Organ and tissue referrals and donations
■ Number of deaths	340	340	78	61	61	0	0	0	0

MANNER OF DEATH



	Accidental	Homicide	Natural	Suicide	Undetermined
■ Number of deaths	20	1	312	3	0

South Carolina by the Numbers	Coroner Involved Death Referrals 2593	No Timing Restrictions 2327	Total Missed Donation Opportunities 215	Organ Donors 118	Tissue Donors 238	Donation Opportunity Rate 92%	
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ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION SUMMARY

NEWBERRY COUNTY
Laura Kneece, Coroner




Lives Saved Through Organ Donation
0

Donation Potential

Permission Granted for Post Autopsy Donation: **1**

No Timing Restrictions: **12**

Potential Lives Changed Through Tissue Donation
75

Missed Opportunities

Total Missed Donation Opportunities: **0**

Missed Opportunities for Registered Donors: **0**

Missed Opportunities for Family Authorized Donors: **0**

Donation Opportunity Rate
100%