



MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE
ONONDAGA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
CENTER FOR FORENSIC SCIENCES

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FORENSIC INVESTIGATOR

A Forensic Investigator position is available in the Onondaga County Medical Examiner's Office in Syracuse, New York to manage added casework from additional contract counties. The office is located in the Center for Forensic Sciences, a modern facility that also houses the county's forensic laboratories, including DNA, criminalistics, firearms, latents and digital evidence. The office serves Onondaga and surrounding counties (pop. 985,000). The successful candidate will join five other ABMDI certified forensic investigators, 6 assistant forensic investigators, and other dedicated staff including 4 board certified forensic pathologists, a director of operations, 4 forensic autopsy technicians, 2 morgue attendants, and other administrative personnel.

JOB DUTIES:

Responsibilities include scene investigation with examination of the body at the location of death, inspection of the scene environment, photo-documentation of the scene findings, meeting with families and/or witnesses, and collecting physical evidence for possible further testing. Investigators must work collaboratively with, but independent of, law enforcement authorities, emergency medical responders, and physicians both at the scene and through ongoing investigative communications relative to identification of decedents, family contacts, obtaining medical and social history, and funeral home disposition. Information is summarized in a medicolegal death investigation report.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Current American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI) certification (Registry or Board).

WORKLOAD:

In 2013, the Onondaga County Medical Examiner's Office investigated 2,248 deaths. Of these, 1,056 fell under medical examiner jurisdiction and 392 required scene response.

SALARY & BENEFITS:

Starting salary is **\$47,843**. Employment with Onondaga County includes competitive benefits such as medical, dental, vision, 12 paid holidays annually, 11 vacation days, 3 personal days, New York State retirement plan, flexible spending accounts for health and dependent care expenses and other optional benefits.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants will be required to undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation which will include a fingerprint check to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification.

Possession of a valid New York State Driver's License which must be maintained during employment.

APPLICATION may be initiated by submitting a cover letter and resume to Catherine Unger, Director of Operations at catherineunger@ongov.net. Address questions to Catherine Unger at (315) 435-3163, x4032.

***If attending the 2014 Annual NAME meeting in Portland, Oregon, you may contact Senior Forensic Investigator Brian Ehret if interested in meeting to discuss the position (behret@syr.edu).**