



2023 Annual Report

OFFICE OF THE KENDALL COUNTY CORONER

JACQUIE PURCELL, D-ABMDI, CORONER

804 W. JOHN STREET, SUITE A
YORKVILLE, ILLINOIS 60560

362 Total Deaths (1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023)

2023 Total Allowed Budget: **\$215,518**
2023 Actual Spent: **\$205,649**

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 of 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



Coroner Purcell and Chief Deputy Gotte continue to provide in-classroom instruction for law enforcement, health and forensics based science high school classes. We also provide new hire orientation for deputies and municipal police officers.

Deaths by Manner

MANNER	2023 total
Natural	331
Accident	19
Suicide	11
Homicide	1
Undetermined	0

Non-Natural Deaths

ACCIDENT	Total: 19
Overdose	3
Drowning	3
Cold Exposure	1
Falls/Injuries w/Natural Disease	7
Positional/Mechanical Asphyxia	2
Motor Vehicle Collisions	3
SUICIDE	Total: 11
Gunshot Wound	5
Hanging/Ligature	3
Overdose	1
Pedestrian vs Train	2
Undetermined	0
HOMICIDE	Total: 1
Gunshot Wound	1

Natural Deaths

CAUSE	2023 total
Cancer	102
Cardiac	84
Other	145

Organ & Tissue Donations



Organ & Tissue Donations	
Reported/All Calls:	63
Tissue Referrals:	20
Tissue Approaches:	14
Tissue Donors:	5

Coroner's Office Staff

Jacque Purcell

Coroner

Cherie McCarron

Full Time Deputy Coroner

Jennifer Johnson

Administrative Assistant

Jill Blankenship

Coroner's Assistant

Kristin Escobar Alvarenga

Forensic Pathologist

Jessica Gotte

Part Time Deputy Coroner

Allen Grobe

Coroner's Assistant

Cristie Fry

Coroner's Assistant

Levi Gotte

Chief Deputy Coroner

William Sutton

Part Time Deputy Coroner

Jennifer Hockings

Coroner's Assistant