

MEDICAL EXAMINER

DIASTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is specialized professional medical work of a complex nature which involves responsibility for the investigation and determination of cause of unnatural or unattended deaths. The work is performed in accordance with various sections of County Law (particularly 400 (4a) and 670 through 678) the Rockland County Charter (Article XIII), and other applicable sections of New York State and local laws. This is a term of office position (four years from the date of appointment) as provided by the Charter and appointment to this position is made by the County Executive. General direction is received from the County Executive with administrative supervision provided by the Commissioner of Health. Supervision is exercised over ancillary personnel, including professional, investigative and clerical employees. The work involves on-call duty as necessary. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Investigates and supervises the investigation of a variety of deaths within the County (such as deaths caused by violence or criminal neglect or of a suspicious, unexplained or unattended nature);

Performs autopsies, when necessary, to determine cause of death;

Performs a variety of chemical, biochemical and analytical tests to assist in determining cause of deaths;

Completes death certificates;

Furnishes and files appropriate reports;

Maintains full records of all investigations;

Delivers all pertinent records to the District Attorney whenever investigation indicates that a crime may have been committed;

Testifies in court and at inquests, when necessary, concerning cause of death.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of modern theory and practice of pathology; thorough knowledge of the special fields of chemistry appropriate to the conduct of autopsies; thorough knowledge of the specific skills involved in autopsies; good knowledge of forensic medicine; good knowledge of laboratory equipment, procedures and techniques, especially as related to pathology and autopsies; ability to write clear and complete reports; ability to give professional testimony in court.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: A person determined by the County Executive of Rockland County as qualified to perform an autopsy and dissect dead bodies of human beings, and, in addition:

1. A license to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York; and
2. Certification or board eligibility in the field of anatomic pathology by the American board of pathology; and
3. One (1) year of experience in the field of forensic pathology, either in an accredited institution or under the supervision of a physician certified by the American Board of Pathology in Forensic Pathology.

NOTE: Residency in the County of Rockland is required for appointment to this position. The requirement set forth in (3) above shall not apply to the incumbent Medical Examiner.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: License to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York must be maintained throughout the course of employment in this title.

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