Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences
Death Investigation Annual Report
2013
Published December 15, 2016

Michael F. Sparks
Director
*Page Purposely Left Blank*
TABLE OF CONTENTS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Letter to the Reader</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abbreviations</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Department Administration</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>General Alabama Statistics 2011</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>System wide Death Statistics</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>System wide Manner of Death Statistics</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>System wide Cause of Death by Manner Statistics</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Consultations and Cremations Permits</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Case distribution by ME Office</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Case distribution by Medical Examiner</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Case closure rates</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unclaimed and Unidentified Decedents</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Decedents Transported</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anatomical Gifting Statistics</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Huntsville Medical</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Administration</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Statistics</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Mobile Medical</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Administration</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Statistics</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Montgomery Medical</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Administration</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Statistics</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Juvenile Death Statistics</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contact Information</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences
Death Investigation Annual Report 2013

Service  Integrity  Respect  Quality
Letter to the reader:

This report was prepared using data generated from ADFS Departmental Laboratory Information Management Systems and manually obtained data found in regional laboratory reports. Due to the nature of Forensic Medicine, this report is considered a living document as Causes and Manners of death are subject to change with the presentation of additional evidence. Information in this document pertains to cases presented to the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences for consultation or examination and does not reflect the state of Alabama’s mortality rates. Nor is the report intended to report all causes of death.

Totals for the five generally accepted manners of death are provided. However within those manners only major categories of cause of death are reported as are significant statistical discoveries.

Jefferson County is not reflected in this report as it is a County Medical Examiner’s Office, separate from this department.

Report Prepared by:
Scott Belton
Quality Manager for Death Investigations
ABBREVIATIONS

Medical Examiner (ME)
Investigator (INV)
Sudden Unexplained Infant Death (SUID)
National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME)
Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences (ADFS)
Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS)
Huntsville Medical Examiners Office (HM)
Mobile Medical Examiners Office (ME)
Montgomery Medical Examiners Office (MM)
Administration

Michael F. Sparks
Department Director

Medical Directors

Dr. Staci Turner
Medical Director
Mobile

Dr. Steven Dunton
Medical Director
Montgomery and Huntsville

Operations Directors

Nick Carter
Operations Director
Montgomery

Gerald Howard
Operations Director
Huntsville

Sherri Saint
Operations Director
Mobile

Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences
1051 Wire Road
Auburn Alabama 36832
## 2011 General Alabama Statistics

### Population:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Population 2011</td>
<td>4,802,740</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Population 2010</td>
<td>4,779,308</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Annual Growth 2010-2011</td>
<td>7.5%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Persons under 5</td>
<td>307,375 (6.4%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Persons under 18</td>
<td>1,138,249 (23.7%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Persons 65 and older</td>
<td>633,961 (13.8%)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Gender:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Gender</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Females</td>
<td>2,473,411 (51.5%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Males</td>
<td>2,329,328 (48.5%)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Race:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Race</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>White persons</td>
<td>3,289,876 (68.5%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Black persons</td>
<td>1,258,317 (26.2%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hispanic persons</td>
<td>187,306 (3.9%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Asian persons</td>
<td>52,830 (1.1%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Native American persons</td>
<td>28,816 (.6%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Persons with 2 or more races</td>
<td>72,041 (1.5%)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Education:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Education</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Language other than English at home</td>
<td>235,334 (4.9%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>High School Graduates 25+ age 2006-2010</td>
<td>3,909,430 (81.4%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>College Graduates 25+ age 2006-2010</td>
<td>1,042,194 (21.7%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Persons below poverty level 2006-2010</td>
<td>821,268 (17.1%)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
System-wide Death Statistics

Cases Reported to ADFS: 2621
Consultation Cases: 603
Cases Examined: 2018
External Examinations: 606
Cases Autopsied: 1412
Scenes Attended: ME: 0 INV: 140
Exhumations: 2
Cases with Toxicology: 1744

Cause of Death

Shotgun Wound(s): 44
Gunshot Wound(s): 394
Sharp Force Injury(s): 52
Blunt Force Injury(s): 339
Drug Toxicity: 272
Drowning: 50
Hanging: 55
Smoke Inhalation and Thermal Injury(s): 28
Cardiovascular Disease: 315
Ethanol Toxicity: 3
Strangulation: 10
Asphyxiation: 34
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome: 0
Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy: 64
### System wide Manner of Death Statistics

#### Homicide

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>System wide:</th>
<th>Huntsville:</th>
<th>Mobile:</th>
<th>Montgomery:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Homicide</strong></td>
<td>316</td>
<td>89</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>166</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Suicide

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>System wide:</th>
<th>Huntsville:</th>
<th>Mobile:</th>
<th>Montgomery:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Suicide</strong></td>
<td>296</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>106</td>
<td>140</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Accident

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>System wide:</th>
<th>Huntsville:</th>
<th>Mobile:</th>
<th>Montgomery:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Accident</strong></td>
<td>722</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>284</td>
<td>288</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Natural

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>System wide:</th>
<th>Huntsville:</th>
<th>Mobile:</th>
<th>Montgomery:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Natural</strong></td>
<td>547</td>
<td>75</td>
<td>269</td>
<td>203</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Undetermined

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>System wide:</th>
<th>Huntsville:</th>
<th>Mobile:</th>
<th>Montgomery:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Undetermined</strong></td>
<td>137</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>64</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
System wide Cause of Death by Manner of Death

Homicide: 316
- Gunshot Wounds(s): 213
- Blunt Force Injury(s): 24
- Death by Lethal Injection: 0
- Sharp Force Injury(s): 37
- Asphyxia: 14
- Drowning: 1

Suicide: 296
- Gunshot Wound(s): 174
- Hanging: 51
- Asphyxia: 5
- Sharp Force Injury(s): 12
- Drug Toxicity: 15

Accident: 722
- Gunshot Wound(s): 4
- Motor Vehicle Fatality(s): 250
- Asphyxia: 15
- Sharp Force Injury(s): 3
- Drug Toxicity: 273
- Drowning: 43

Natural: 547
- Cardiovascular Disease: 316
- Liver Disease: 11
- Renal Disease: 4
- Other Natural: 121
- Carcinoma: 20
- Lung Disease: 16
- Chronic Ethanol: 7

Undetermined: 137
- SUID: 64
- Drug Toxicity: 6
- Gunshot Wound(s): 3
- Blunt Force Injury(s): 7
## Consultation Cases and Cremation Permits

### Consultation Cases

<p>| | |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Huntsville Medical:</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mobile Medical:</td>
<td>382</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Montgomery Medical:</td>
<td>211</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Statewide:</strong></td>
<td><strong>603</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Cremation Permits Issued:

<p>| | |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Huntsville Medical:</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mobile Medical:</td>
<td>1017</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Montgomery Medical:</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Statewide:</strong></td>
<td><strong>1017</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Case Distribution Statistics

Huntsville Medical Laboratory

Total Examinations Performed: 420  
External Examinations: 89 (21%)  
Autopsies: 331 (79%)  
Partial Examinations: 0  

*Average per Medical Examiner: 177 per ME (2)

Mobile Medical Laboratory

Total Examinations Performed: 737  
External Examinations: 342 (46%)  
Autopsies: 395 (54%)  
Partial Examinations: 0  

*Average per Medical Examiner: 160 per ME (3)

Montgomery Medical Laboratory

Total Examinations Performed: 865  
External Examinations: 175 (20%)  
Autopsies: 686 (80%)  
Partial Examinations: 0  

*Average per Medical Examiner: 243 per ME (3)

*Averages are calculated using the NAME recommended 4 external examinations = 1 autopsy.
Medical Examiner Individual Statistics

**Dr. Emily Ward** *

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total Examinations Performed: 16</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>External Examinations: 2 (13%)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Autopsies: 12 (75%)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Homicides: 13</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Dr. Valerie Green**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total Examinations Performed: 246</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>External Examinations: 51 (21%)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Autopsies: 195 (79%)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Homicides: 54</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Dr. Staci Turner**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total Examinations Performed: 268</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>External Examinations: 146 (54%)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Autopsies: 122 (46%)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Homicides: 28</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Dr. John Krolikowski**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total Examinations Performed: 235</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>External Examinations: 108 (46%)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Autopsies: 127 (54%)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Homicides: 17</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Medical Examiner Individual Statistics

Dr. Eugene Hart

Total Examinations Performed: 234  
External Examinations: 88  (38%)  
Autopsies: 146  (62%)  
Homicides: 16

Dr. Stephen Boudreau

Total Examinations Performed: 374  
External Examinations: 74  (20%)  
Autopsies: 300  (80%)  
Homicides: 92

Dr. Alfredo Paredes

Total Examinations Performed: 246  
External Examinations: 47  (19%)  
Autopsies: 199  (81%)  
Homicides: 38

Dr. Steven Dunton

Total Examinations Performed: 241  
External Examinations: 54  (22%)  
Autopsies: 187  (78%)  
Homicides: 36

* No longer on staff
Case Closure Rates

System wide

Cases closed in under 60 days: 35%
Cases closed in under 90 days: 41%

Huntsville Medical Facility

Cases closed in under 60 days: 18%
Cases closed in under 90 days: 24%

Mobile Medical Facility

Cases closed in under 60 days: 43%
Cases closed in under 90 days: 42%

Montgomery Medical Facility

Cases closed in under 60 days: 33%
Cases closed in under 90 days: 45%

***Most Medical Examiner Reports over 60 and 90 days are due to outside testing.
## Unclaimed/Unidentified Decedents

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Month</th>
<th>Unclaimed Bodies</th>
<th>Unidentified at Exam</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>HV</td>
<td>MB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2012-2013</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OCT</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NOV</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEC</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JAN</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FEB</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAR</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>APRIL</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAY</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JUNE</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JULY</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AUG</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SEPT</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Decedent transports from 10/1/2012 to 9/30/2013</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------------------------------------------------</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>166 decedents transported from Tuscaloosa Alabama for examination at an ADFS Facility.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Anatomical Gifting Statistics

System-wide

Number of Decedents Gifting: 119  
Percentage of Cases Gifting: 6%

Huntsville Medical Laboratory

Number of Decedents Gifting: 2  
Percentage of Cases Gifting: .5%

Mobile Medical Laboratory

Number of Decedents Gifting: 80  
Percentage of Cases Gifting: 11%

Montgomery Medical Laboratory

Number of Decedents Gifting: 37  
Percentage of Cases Gifting: 4%

***Anatomical gifting partners include the Alabama Eye Bank and the Alabama Organ Center.
Huntsville Medical Examiner’s Office

Dr. Valerie Green
Medical Examiner

Dr. Kathleen Enstice
Medical Examiner

Gerald Howard
Forensic Pathology Specialist, Senior
Operations Director

Timothy Brown
Forensic Investigator

Oscar Hayes
Forensic Pathology Specialist

Katy Waldrep
Forensic Pathology Specialist

Katie Adams
Forensic Pathology Specialist

Selina Mooney
Forensic Pathology Specialist

Patricia Blood
Administrative Services Assistant

Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences
Huntsville Medical Examiners Office
716 Arcadia Circle
Huntsville Alabama 35801
Huntsville Medical Laboratory Death Statistics

Cases Examined: 420
Autopsied: 331
External Examination: 89
Scenes Attended: 0
Exhumations: 0
Cases with Toxicology: 404

Causes of Death

Shotgun Wound(s): 10
Gunshot Wound(s): 80
Sharp Force Injuries: 16
Blunt Force Injuries: 58
Drug Toxicity: 54
Drowning: 10
Hanging: 11
Smoke Inhalation and Thermal Injury: 3
Cardiovascular Disease: 41
Ethanol Toxicity: 0
Strangulation: 6
Asphyxiation: 15
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome: 0
Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy: 31

Manners of Death

Homicide: 89
Gunshot wound(s): 47
Sharp Force Injury(s): 14
Blunt Force Injury(s): 12
Asphyxia: 8
Mobile Medical Examiner’s Office

Dr. Staci Turner
Senior Medical Examiner
Medical Director

Sherrie Saint
Forensic Pathology Specialist
Operations Director

Dr. John Krolikowski
Senior Medical Examiner

Dr. Eugene Hart
Senior Medical Examiner

Ashley Stanford
Forensic Pathology Specialist

Leslie Holt
Forensic Pathology Specialist

Valisa Hadley
Forensic Pathology Specialist

Olivette Fluker
Forensic Pathology Specialist

Steffon McCovery
Forensic Pathology Specialist

Roxanne Diamond
Forensic Pathology Technician

Alan Fields
Forensic Pathology Specialist
Shantora Wallace
Forensic Pathology Specialist

Wendy Wilson
Forensic Pathology Specialist

Zenovia Watkins
Administrative Services Assistant

Peggy Hodge
Administrative Services Assistant
Mobile Medical Laboratory Death Statistics
*Including Mobile County ME Office Statistics

Cases Examined: 737
Autopsied: 395
External Examination: 342
Scenes Attended: ME: 0 INV: 94
Exhumations: 0
Cases with Toxicology: 626

Causes of Death

Shotgun Wound(s): 9
Gunshot Wound(s): 98
Sharp Force Injuries: 7
Blunt Force Injuries: 142
Drug Toxicity: 108
Drowning: 18
Hanging: 21
Smoke Inhalation and Thermal Injury: 0
Cardiovascular Disease: 205
Ethanol Toxicity: 1
Strangulation: 3
Asphyxiation: 13
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome: 0
Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy: 7

Manners of Death

Homicide: 61

Gunshot Wound(s): 41 Sharp Force Injury(s): 3
Blunt Force Injury(s): 4 Death by Lethal Injection: 0
Montgomery Medical Examiner’s Office

Dr. Steven Dunton
Senior Medical Examiner
Medical Director

Nick Carter
Forensic Pathology Specialist
Operations Director

Dr. Steve Boudreau
Senior Medical Examiner

Dr. Alfredo Paredes
Senior Medical Examiner

Dr. David Rydzewski
Senior Medical Examiner

Tonya Pichea
Forensic Investigator

Wayne Pittman
Forensic Pathology Specialist

Doug Griffith
Forensic Pathology Specialist

Allysa Robinson
Forensic Pathology Specialist

Alma Muchado
Forensic Pathology Specialist

Cheridie Kilpatrick
Forensic Pathology Specialist
Rebekah Jones  
*Forensic Pathology Specialist*

Kelli Hallman  
*Forensic Investigator*

Tony Vance  
*Morgue Assistant*

Kaye Julian  
*Administrative Services Assistant*

Tiffani Stroud  
*Administrative Services Assistant*

Kayla Johnson  
*Administrative Services Assistant*

*Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences*  
*Montgomery Medical Examiners Office*  
*8160 AUM Drive*  
*Montgomery Alabama 36124*
Montgomery Medical Laboratory Death Statistics
*Including Tuscaloosa County ME Office Statistics

Cases Examined: 865
Autopsied: 686
External Examination: 175
Scenes Attended: ME: 0 INV: 46
Exhumations: 2
Cases with Toxicology: 714

Causes of Death

Shotgun Wound(s): 25
Gunshot Wound(s): 216
Sharp Force Injuries: 29
Blunt Force Injuries: 139
Drug Toxicity: 135
Drowning: 22
Hanging: 23
Smoke Inhalation and Thermal Injury:
Cardiovascular Disease: 70
Ethanol Toxicity: 2
Strangulation: 1
Asphyxiation: 6
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome: 0
Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy: 26

Manners of Death

Homicide: 166

Gunshot Wound(s): 125 Sharp Force Injury(s): 20
Blunt Force Injury(s): 8 Asphyxia: 1
2013 Juvenile Death Statistics

Period: October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013

TOTAL CASES EXAMINED: 180

White: 110  Black: 63  Hispanic: 6  Unknown: 1
Male: 104  Female: 74  Unknown: 2

HOMICIDES: 19

Age Range: Fetus to 17y

White: 8  Black: 10  Hispanic: 1
Male: 15  Female: 3  Unknown: 1

Gunshot Wounds: 8

Age Range: 16y to 17y

White: 2  Black: 5  Hispanic: 1
Male: 7  Female: 1
2013 Juvenile Death Statistics

Abusive Head Trauma: 5
2y wm   3y bm   4y wm   2y wm   1y wm

Sharpe Force Injuries: 1
1y bf

Drowning: 2
7y wm   8m wf

Blunt Force Injury (excluding head trauma): 2
7m bm   5y bm

NON HOMICIDES: 161

Age Range: Fetus to 17y
Youngest: 0d fetus

Sudden Unexplained Infant Deaths: 53

Age Range: 1m to 1y
White: 30   Black: 21   Hispanic: 2
Male: 27   Female: 26
2013 Juvenile Death Statistics

Period: October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013

TOTAL CASES EXAMINED: 180

White: 110  Black: 63  Hispanic: 6  Unknown: 1
Male: 104  Female: 74  Unknown: 2

HOMICIDES: 19

Age Range: Fetus to 17y
White: 8  Black: 10  Hispanic: 1
Male: 15  Female: 3  Unknown: 1

Gunshot Wounds: 8

Age Range: 16y to 17y
White: 2  Black: 5  Hispanic: 1
Male: 7  Female: 1
2013 Juvenile Death Statistics

Period: October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013

Abusive Head Trauma: 5
2y wm  3y bm  4y wm  2y wm  1y wm

Sharpe Force Injuries: 1
1y bf

Drowning: 2
7y wm  8m wf

Blunt Force Injury (excluding head trauma): 2
7m bm  5y bm

NON HOMICIDES: 161

Age Range: Fetus to 17 years
Youngest: 0d fetus

Sudden Unexplained Infant Deaths: 53

Age Range: 1m to 1y
White: 30  Black: 21  Hispanic: 2
Male: 27  Female: 26
2013 Juvenile Death Statistics

Period: October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013

Sleeping Related:
Prone sleeping: 18
Co-sleeping: 16
Other unsafe: 12
Car seat: 2

Accidental Overdoses: 5
17y wm (Poly)  17y wm (Poly)  17y wm (Cocaine)
Fetus wm (Mother-Poly)  Fetus wu (Mother-Poly)

Accidental Gunshot Wounds: 2
12y wm  4y bm

Suicidal Gunshot Wounds: 5
15y wm  14y wf  17y bm  15y wm  16y wm

Suicidal Hanging: 4
13y wf  15y wm  13y bm  15y wf

Fire Deaths: (6)
9y wm  7y wm  6y bm  4y bm  12y wm  17y wf
2013 Juvenile Death Statistics

Period: October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013

Drowning: 7
Age Range: 2y to 7y
Pool related: 7

Motor Vehicle Accidents: 23
Age Range: 1m to 17y

Documented passengers: 9
Documented drivers: 3
Pedestrians: 7
Ejected: 6
Lacking child restraint: 1
Documented using restraints: 3

Factors:
Racing: 1
Teenage driver (decedent) intoxicated: 1

ATV: 1 17y wm rollover, chest and neck trauma helmet unknown
High speed chase with police: 1
Driver of juvenile decedent intoxicated: 2
Driver of vehicle other than decedent’s intoxicated: 1
2013 Juvenile Death Statistics

Period: October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013

Unusual:(146,255),(796,873)

Aircraft Crash: 1
17y WM
Single Aircraft/Student Pilot flying without actual pilot

Hyperthermia: 3
4m wm left in vehicle while mother went to work (6 hours- August)
3y wm mother autistic, mother napping, child found in vehicle
4yo wm mother sleeping, child locks on vehicle child in vehicle

Swing set: 1
12y wf flipped swing set struck decedent on head (CHI)

Crushing: 1
2m wm grandmother fell on decedent causing severe head trauma

Choking: 1
17y wm-swallowed bag of drugs to avoid arrest
2013 Juvenile Death Statistics

Period: October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013

Naturals: 8

4m bf congenital heart disease
15y bf cardio vascular disease
14y bf enlarged heart
1mbm sepsis (upper respiratory infection)
9m bm chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
15 hf seizure disorder
14y wf asthma
2y bf lymphocytic bronchitis

Our reports generated no cases that indicated bullying as a factor.
Questions about this report, training requests and any other comments or questions pertaining to the Discipline of Death Investigation can be made via the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences website at:

www.adfs.alabama.gov

Or by contacting the Death Investigation’s Quality Manager via email at:

scott.belton@adfs.alabama.gov

This document was generated using multiple reports and data bases. As with any self report study, there is potential for error and the reality of discrepancies among the data cannot be overstated.