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County Medical Examiner earns national accreditation

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO—The National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) recently awarded full accreditation to the Summit County Medical Examiner’s Office. This accreditation represents the highest quality of death investigation systems. The designation will remain in place until June 2025.

The Medical Examiner, a department within the office of the County Executive, serves the residents of Summit County and regional counties by providing quality forensic death investigation services. Medical Examiner staff assists local law enforcement agencies with forensic evaluation of deaths to aid in their investigations and subsequent prosecutions. After initial evaluation by the Medical Examiner's Investigators, the office determines what course of action to take and how to work with law enforcement agencies to move the investigation forward.

“I am very proud of the hard work and leadership demonstrated by Medical Examiner Dr. Lisa Kohler and her staff in attaining this accreditation,” said County Executive Ilene Shapiro. “The work of this office is incredibly important to law enforcement investigations and prosecutions, and this NAME designation demonstrates just how seriously we take this responsibility.”

The accreditation process consists of a rigorous inspection of the physical facility and review of the office practices, including the implementation of policies and procedures. The overall objective of the accreditation is to ensure that the application of the standards set forth by NAME will aid in developing and maintaining a high caliber medicolegal death investigation system for the communities in the jurisdiction in which they operate.

“My staff and I are dedicated to operating a well-maintained, reputable death investigation system. Achieving this accreditation is a testament to the rigorous policies and procedures we adhere to each and every day,” said Dr. Kohler.

For more information about the Medical Examiner, please visit <https://co.summitoh.net/departments/Medical-Examiner.html#nav-about>.

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