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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 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.

"Medical Examiner Dr. Kohler and her team are models of excellence in their field," said County Executive Shapiro. "While death investigations are not something most people want to think about regularly, they serve an integral role in law enforcement investigations and prosecutions and are especially important for families seeking answers about their loved ones. I am proud of their hard work and dedication, which has resulted in receiving the NAME accreditation year after year."

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 work diligently to uphold Summit County's standard of excellence in death investigations for our residents and the residents of counties we serve throughout the region. This accreditation is evidence of the professionalism and rigor we follow 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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