

2027 Critical Needs Coroner's Office

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Strategic Plan Goals

Death investigation is an essential service.

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Strategic Objective 2 – Service Quality

- Foster a positive, supportive environment for staff.

Strategic Objective 3 – Community Trust

- Maintain the trust of the community through quality work and interactions with citizens and community partners.

Strategic Objective 4 – Health and Safety

- Deliver high-quality death investigation for EPC in a cost-effective manner.
- Provide useful data for policy makers and programs to improve the health and safety of residents.
- Continue as a trusted regional leader known for excellence in death investigation.
- Adapt when community needs and threats change.



Critical Need

Full-time Morgue Technician (1 FTE) \$113,383

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“Urgent / Maintain services” Priority level

On-going AFR \$113,383 which includes salary, FICA,
benefits, and retirement



Justification - Current Morgue Staffing

3 FT Morgue Technicians

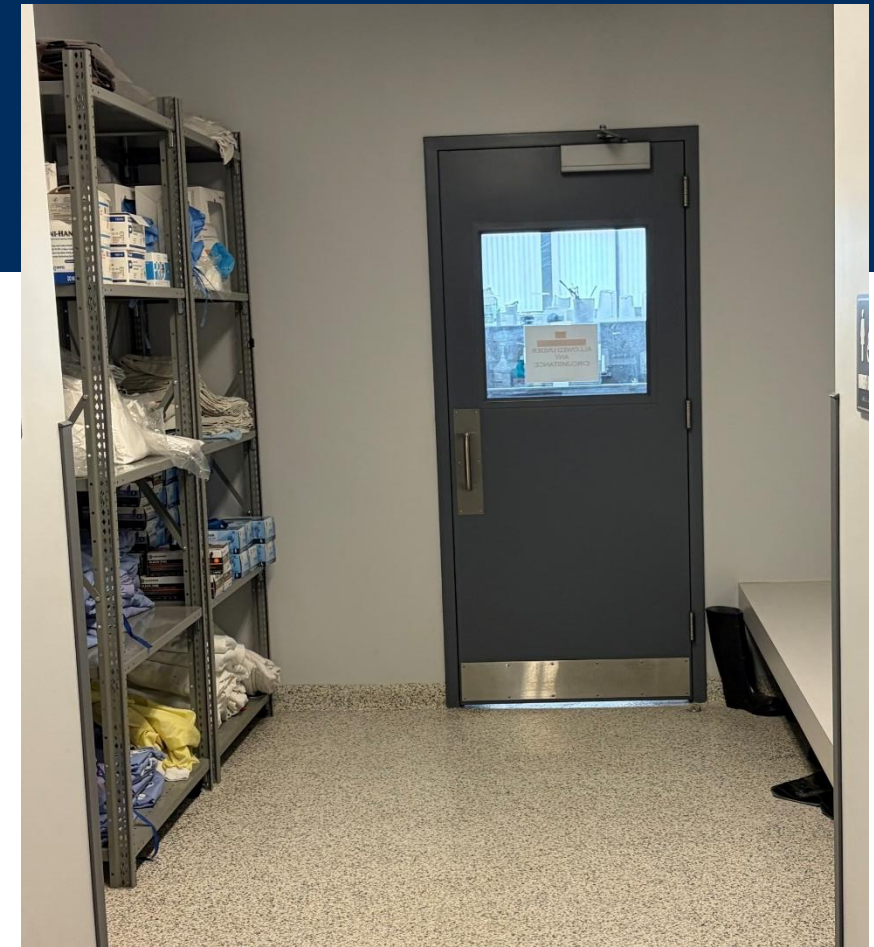
4 PT Morgue Technicians



Justification – Responsibilities

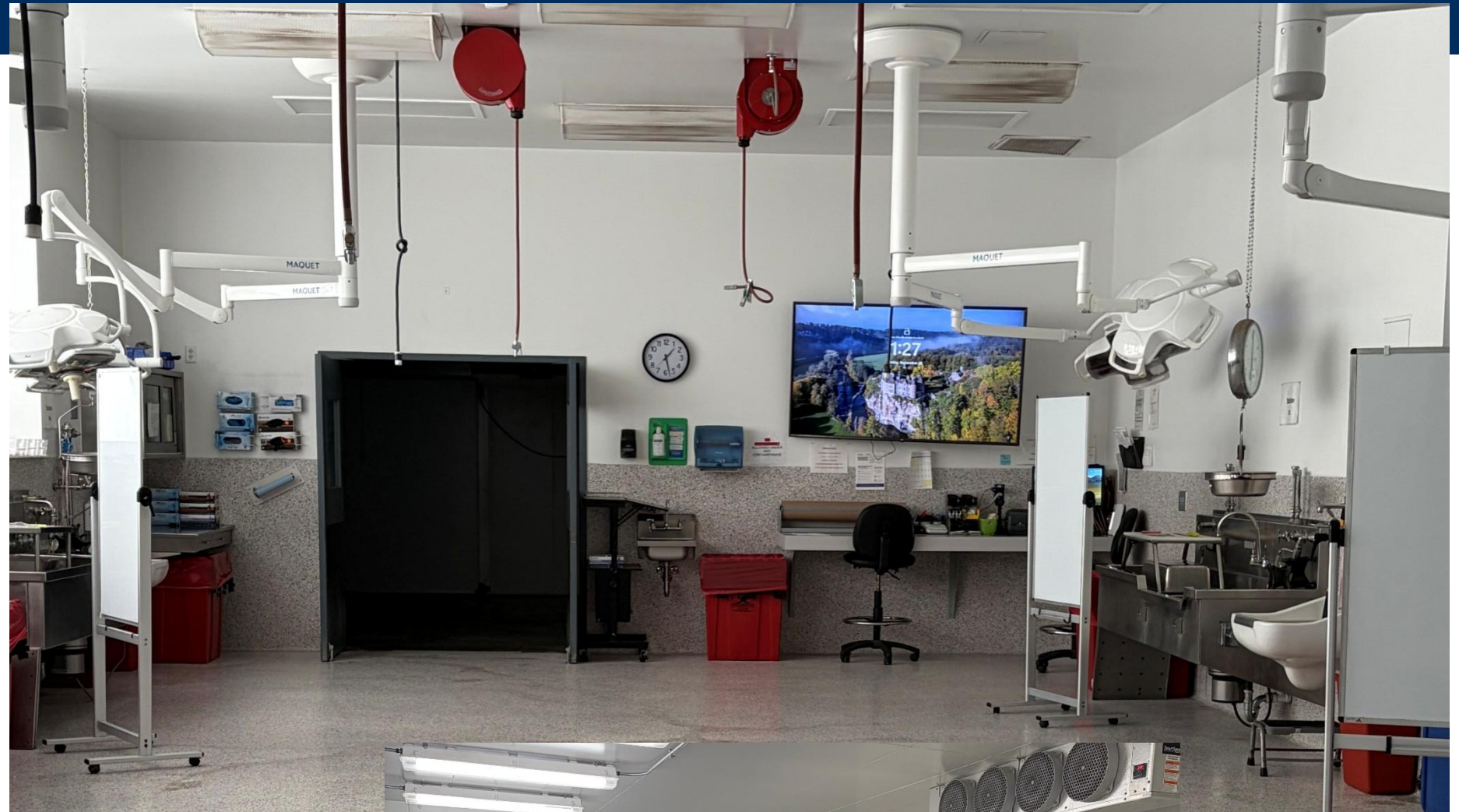
In-taking and releasing decedents and property
Autopsy preparation and evisceration
 Prepare skeletal remains for anthropology
 Prepare for subspecialty exams
X-rays
Evidence collection, chain of custody
Photography
Collect samples – tox, cultures, DNA, etc.
Destructions of tissues and medications
Maintain beetle colony
Cleaning/disinfecting, Biohazard, & Laundry
Supply inventory
Scientific ID – FP, odontology, etc.
UCCS morgue intern program

*****Documentation, Documentation, Documentation*****



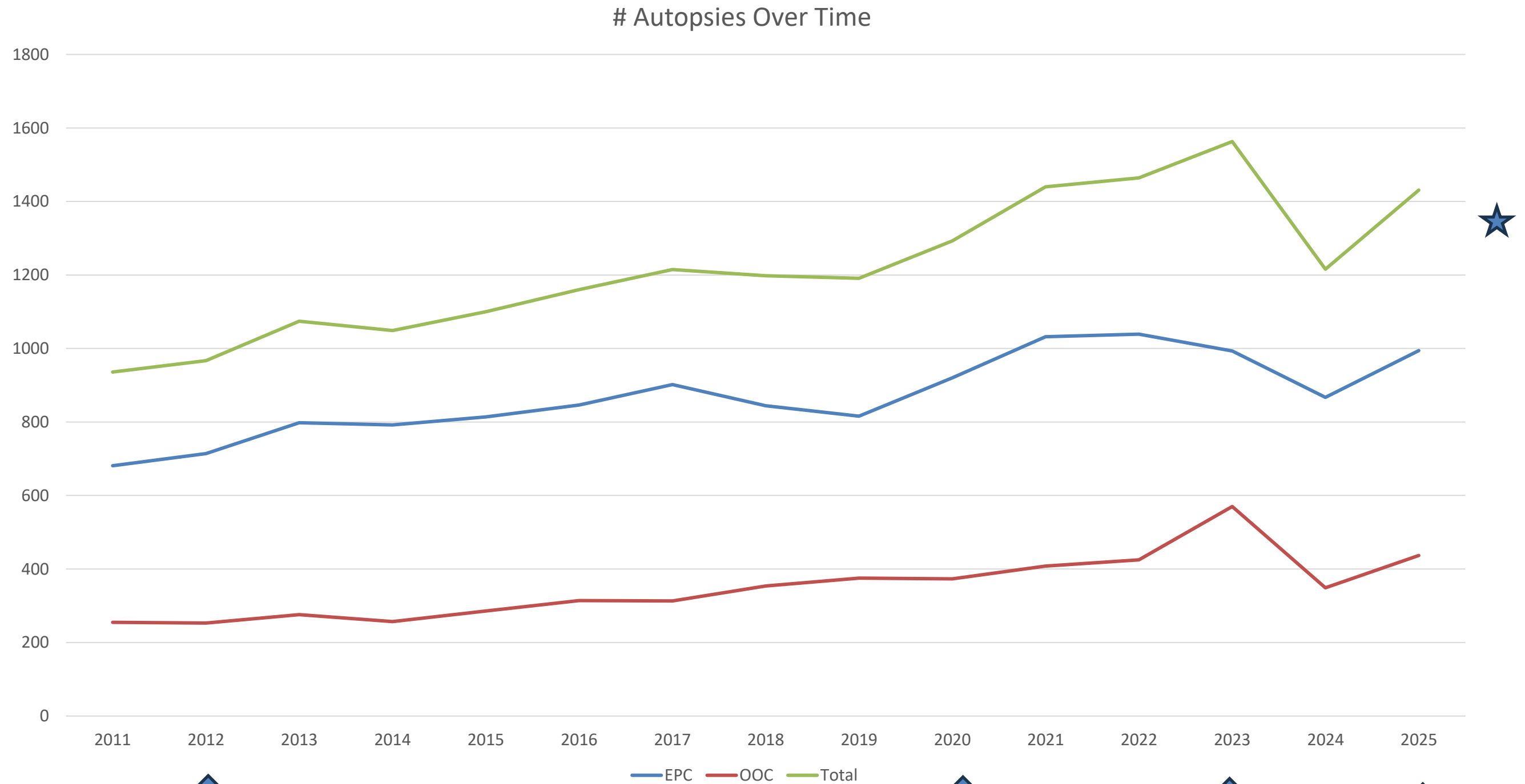
Justification - Other information

Grueling
Physically
Emotionally
Mentally
“Dance”
Work
Saturdays
Snow days
Almost all holidays
Dr.’s right hand
Flexible
Curiosity

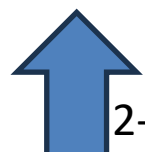


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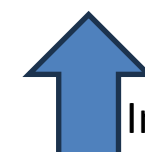
Justification - Case volume and complexity



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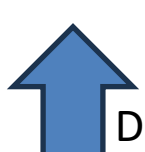
2-->3FT



Incr Complexity



RTN



DM

Justification - Accommodate

Increasing PT staffing – successful for years

Unsustainable

Strain of limited PT hours - consistent daily coverage

PT turnover

Would reduce 1 PTE for 4th FTE – steady at 7 employees

PM Evidence release – free up Chief Deputy, Lead Investigator

Increased volume – DRD's, anthropology

New management

More flexibility for PTE schedule (2nd job / insurance, school, etc.)

morale, retention

Pick up decedents from hospital morgues / FH's (drive)

Free up Investigators

Pathway to Investigator



Justification - Regional Data (2024)

DOME: 810 exams / 5 FTE = 162 exams per FTE

ACCO: 697 exams / 4 FTE = 174 exams per FTE

BCCO: 216 exams / 2.5 FTE = 86 exams per FTE

EPCCO: 1125 exams / 5 FTE = 225 exams per FTE

(2026 est.) 1352 exams / **5.5 FTE** equivalent = **245 exams per FTE**



Base Budget & Critical Needs

Description	2027 Base Budget	2027 Critical Needs	2027 PBB
Coroner	4,582,079	113,383	4,695,462

Funding Request for 2027:

Morgue Tech FTE \$113,383 ongoing





Questions?