

TITLE 19 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES
Division 20 – Division of Community and Public Health
Chapter 80 – Coroner Standards and Training Commission

PROPOSED RULE

19 CSR 20-80.010 Training Standards Relating to the Office of the Coroner

PURPOSE: This rule establishes training standards relating to the office of county coroner.

(1) To fulfill the requirements set forth in sections 58.035 and 58.095, RSMo, at least twenty (20) hours of classroom instruction is required each calendar year and shall relate to the operation of the office, the legal responsibilities of the office, and the technical skills and knowledge required of the office. Acceptable training shall include, but not be limited to, instruction in best practices or standards, as certified, recognized, or otherwise endorsed by nationally or internationally recognized organizations such as the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners, and the National Institute of Justice, relating to administrative standards and ethics of the profession, pathology, toxicology, histology, and other associated medico-legal sciences.

(A) Relating to coroner training standards, particular instructional emphasis shall include and be provided, at a minimum, on properly conducting, establishing, facilitating, overseeing, performing, or utilizing the following –

1. Autopsies;
2. Body or remains handling and transport;
3. Chain of custody and confidentiality;
4. Ethical conduct;
5. Etiology and medical certification;
6. Evidence, inventory, property, and samples;
7. Illicit drug handling;
8. Infant and child fatalities;
9. Laboratory services;
10. Mass fatalities;
11. Notification procedures;
12. Organ and tissue donation;
13. Occupational deaths;
14. Personal protective equipment;
15. Release of documents, photographs, and other information;
16. Reporting of probable contagious diseases;
17. Scene investigation, documentation, and safety;
18. Sample or specimen collection; and
19. Statutory and regulatory requirements.

AUTHORITY: section 58.035, RSMo Supp. 2020. Original rule filed June 1, 2024.

PUBLIC COST: This proposed rule will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed rule will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition of this proposed rule with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Vital Records, Dylan Bryant, State Registrar, PO Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102, or via e-mail at Dylan.Bryant@health.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*