

**Mission and Goals:
Coroner's Office**

Mission:

The Coroner's Office is responsible for investigating all suspicious, violent, sudden, and unexpected deaths that occur in Richland County. Additionally, the Coroner also investigates all deaths that occur in a hospital within the first 24 hours of admission.

After the investigation is concluded, the Coroner determines whether the manner of death is due to natural causes, an accident, a suicide, or a homicide. The Coroner also assists and counsels the families, helping them to cope with their loss by using victim advocates.

Goals and Objectives:

- ◆ The Coroner ensures that the citizens of Richland County receive the best possible investigation of each death.
- ◆ The Coroner ensures that the citizens of Richland County are kept informed about the status of a death investigation of a family member.
- ◆ The Coroner ensures that the citizens of Richland County are protected against known hazards that have caused a death by taking corrective measures.
- ◆ The Coroner will adequately equip all deputy coroners so they can perform within the established and published guidelines and standards set forth by SC State Law and OSHA regulations.
- ◆ The Coroner will continue to utilize the volunteer services of the C.A.R.E. Team implemented in Fiscal Year 2002.

Data:

Measure	Fiscal Year 2002	Fiscal Year 2003	Fiscal Year 2004
# of Calls Responded to	613	674	741
Cost per call	\$1,478	\$1,227	\$1,252