

# Greenville County Coroner's Office



**2016**

**Annual Report**

# CORONER'S OFFICE STAFF



**Coroner B. Parks Evans, Jr. D-ABMDI**

- **Chief Deputy Coroner Mike Ellis, D-ABMDI**

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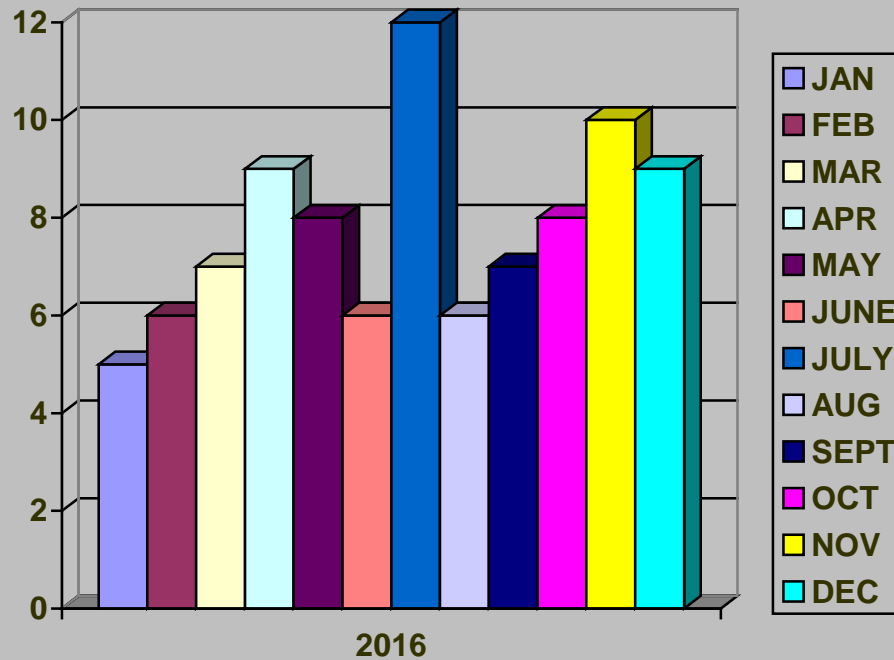
- Deputy Coroner Kent Dill,  
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- Deputy Coroner Jeff Fowler,  
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- Deputy Coroner Sonny Soler,  
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- Deputy Coroner Gary Sessions
  - Deputy Coroner Michael Edmonds
- Deputy Coroner Taylor East
- Case Manager Sharon Craver,  
D-ABMDI
- Administrative Assistant Dee Ivie
- Reserve Deputy Coroner Tony Segars
- Reserve Deputy Coroner Dave Milan

# MAJOR VIOLENT DEATHS 2016

	Traffic	Homicide	Suicide	Total
January	5	4	9	18
February	6	2	11	19
March	7	6	7	20
April	9	2	6	17
May	8	5	1	14
June	6	4	5	15
July	12	2	9	23
August	6	1	3	10
September	7	2	7	16
October	8	3	9	20
November	10	4	6	20
December	9	3	8	20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>212</b>

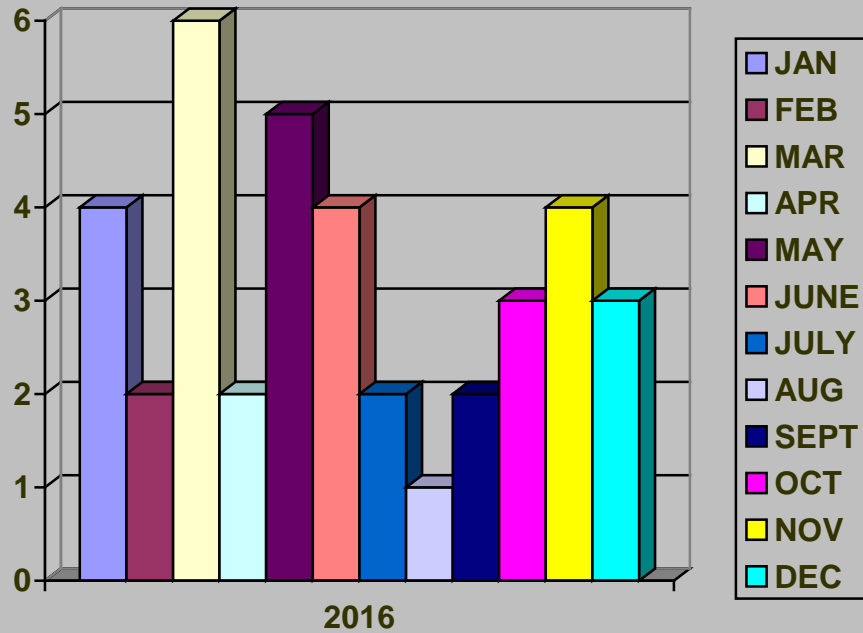


# TRAFFIC FATALITIES 2016



<b>TOTAL -93</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>AVERAGE AGE</b>
MALES	71	41
FEMALES	22	41
BLACK MALES	18	32
BLACK FEMALES	7	45
WHITE MALES	48	45
WHITE FEMALES	13	40
HISPANIC MALES	5	39
HISPANIC FEMALES	2	36
PEDESTRIANS	22	47
MOTORCYCLES	18	56
MOPEDS	4	40
BICYCLISTS	1	55
AGE 15-24	19	20
IMPARED	56	38
NO SEATBELT	30	31
NO HELMETS	15	47

# HOMICIDES 2016



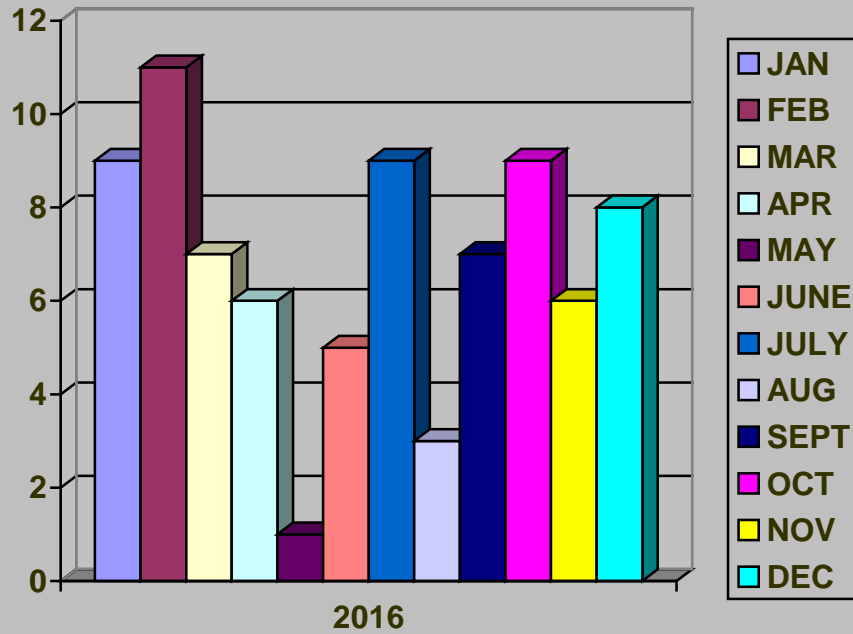
<b>TOTAL CASES - 38</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AVERAGE AGE</b>
<b>MALES</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>BLACK MALES</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>BLACK FEMALES</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>WHITE MALES</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>WHITE FEMALES</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>39</b>

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>GREENVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>GREENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>MAULDIN POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>GREER POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>FOUNTAIN INN POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SIMPSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TRAVELERS REST POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SLED</b>	<b>2</b>

# SUICIDES 2016

## METHODS:

**GUNSHOT WOUNDS - 51**  
**DRUG OVERDOSE - 9**  
**HANGINGS - 15**  
**INHALATION POISONOUS GASES – 2**  
**STAB WOUNDS – 1**  
**CYANIDE POISONING – 1**  
**SUFFOCATION – 2**



<b>TOTAL CASES - 81</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AVERAGE AGE</b>
<b>MALES</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>BLACK MALES</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>BLACK FEMALES</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>WHITE MALES</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>WHITE FEMALES</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>OTHER MALES</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>OTHER FEMALES</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>

# ACCIDENTAL DEATHS 2016

<b>TOTAL CASES - 289</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AVERAGE AGE</b>
<b>MALES</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>BLACK MALES</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>BLACK FEMALES</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>WHITE MALES</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>WHITE FEMALES</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>HISPANIC MALES</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>HISPANIC FEMALES</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>OTHER MALES</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>OTHER FEMALES</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>50</b>

## CAUSES:

<p style="text-align: center;">Falls - 80 Drowning - 5 Fire - 8 Unsafe Sleeping Conditions - 7 Environmental - 2 Traffic Fatality - 93</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Stuck By Train - 1 Aspiration - 6 Drug Overdose - 78 Impalement - 1 Electrocution - 2 Other - 6</p>
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# ALCOHOL OR DRUG RELATED 2016

<b>TOTAL - 253</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AVERAGE AGE</b>
<b>MALES</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>BLACK MALES</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>BLACK FEMALES</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>WHITE MALES</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>WHITE FEMALES</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>HISPANIC MALES</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>HISPANIC FEMALES</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>33</b>

## OFFICE TASKS 2016

**Autopsies Performed – 326**

**Dictated External Exams – 114**

**Cremation Permits Issued – 2089**

**Burial Removal Transit Permits Issued – 2550**

**Indigent Cremations -- 49**

**Hospice Death Reports -- 2264**

**Facility Death Reports – 579**

**Total Deaths Investigated -- 3842**



# TRAUMA RATINGS

## 2016

	Alerts	Lived	Died
January	4	3	1
February	0	0	0
March	3	3	0
April	7	3	4
May	6	0	6
June	3	2	1
July	4	1	3
August	1	0	1
September	4	3	1
October	2	1	1
November	3	2	1
December	3	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>



## DEATHS 2005, 2010, 2015, 2016

	2005	2010	2015	2016
<b>Traffic</b>	94	53	83	93
<b>Homicide</b>	34	26	36	38
<b>Suicide</b>	73	75	60	81
<b>Burns / Electrocutions</b>	5	4	5	2
<b>Accidents: Home, Work, School</b>	69	48	97	121
<b>Alcohol / Drug Abuse</b>	59	58	204	253
<b>Naturals</b>	1462	1940	3307	3394
<b>Undetermined</b>	4	3	1	9
<b>Falls</b>	38	32	66	80
<b>Drowning</b>	4	2	4	5
<b>SIDS/SUIDS/Unsafe Sleeping</b>	3	4	7	7
<b>Total Cases Worked</b>	1807	2541	3689	3842

*With changes in State and Federal laws, the percentage of natural deaths that must be investigated by this office has increased. Investigations overall have increased due to population changes throughout the County of Greenville.*

*The Greenville County Coroner's Office strives to provide and assist in programs to benefit the community as whole. This Office works with agencies and organizations throughout the county, state and nation to advance the techniques used to inform people of how to prevent unexpected deaths.*

*The Coroner's Office continually works to better prepare for mass fatality incidents through the development of better plans and a more uniform approach to the management of these types of incidents. Grants have been obtained to regionalize the response to incidents requiring more resources than available in the county.*

# **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS 2016**

**The Coroner and his staff were involved in approximately 300 speaking engagements during 2016. The engagements were in multiple locations from elementary schools to high schools, career centers to detention centers, agency training programs to community preparedness meetings, and conferences around the state and nation.**

## **Topics Included:**

**Duties of Coroner  
Crime Scene Preservation  
Survivors of Suicide  
Seatbelt Use  
Safe Child Sleeping Conditions  
Wilderness Death Investigations  
Teen Death Follow-Up at Schools  
SCNSC Alive at 25 Program  
Mass Fatality Management**

**This office also hosted a family assistance center planning and operations seminar for the fourteen counties within the upstate region. The seminar was fully funded by a grant obtained by the Greenville County Coroner's Office. Members from the fourteen counties included Coroners, Emergency Managers, Behavior Health Professionals, Hospital Partners, Hospice Partners, Chaplains, State Department of Health and Environmental Control, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The seminar provided real world experience in the operations of a family assistance center. As a result of the cooperation and conversation a regional family assistance center plan was developed for the upstate.**

*Coroner B. Parks Evans, Jr. was reelected into his 7<sup>th</sup> term as Greenville County Coroner in 2016.*

*For the past two years in a row staff from this office has been awarded the Deputy Coroner of Year award for the state by the South Carolina Coroner's Association. All forty-six counties in the state have the opportunity to nominate and vote for this award. First in 2015 Chief Deputy Coroner Mike Ellis received the award followed by Deputy Coroner Jeff Fowler in 2016.*

*Deputy Coroner Kent Dill was awarded the Safe Kids Upstate Brian Donnelly Lifetime Achievement Award for his continued support and efforts to prevent death in children.*

*Office staff was increased this year with the addition of a Deputy Coroner to provide for the increase in responsibilities and cases under the jurisdiction of the Coroner's Office.*

*For the first time in Greenville County history, the Coroner's Office generated revenue this year. This office began charging attorney offices, insurance companies and funeral homes for documents generated by the Coroner's Office. Charges are also made for documents requested outside of normal business hours. Over the past year this office generated an excess of \$70,000.00 that was deposited into the County of Greenville's general fund.*

**Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Closed on observed holidays**

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