

# **International Association of Coroners & Medical Examiners**

Collaboration · Education · Accreditation

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## About IACME

The International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners (IACME) was founded in 1927 as an international association that prides itself on the recognition it has acquired at the federal level in regard to the field of medicolegal death investigation. Headquartered in Las Vegas, Nevada, the IACME is dedicated to the promotion of excellence in medicolegal death investigation through collaboration, education, and accreditation. The membership of the IACME spans the globe, providing a diverse and comprehensive group of medicolegal professionals.

## Accreditation

The IACME's Accreditation Program is a rigorous process that provides coroner and medical examiner offices the opportunity to self-assess and then have auditors to review applicable standards. Auditors are trained by the association and offer detailed feedback during the audit, which includes an on-site visit. Auditors are also experts within the medicolegal death investigation field with extensive experience. The accreditation process allows coroner and medical examiner offices to ensure they are conducting business practices and procedures in compliance with established standards in several areas of operation. Accreditation by the IACME has helped many coroner and medical examiner offices substantiate the need for, and subsequently acquire, items like upgraded equipment, newer vehicles, new facilities, funding for additional staff positions, training, new vehicles, and new, larger facilities.

## Mission

The IACME is dedicated to the promotion of excellence in medicolegal death investigation through collaboration, education, and accreditation. Several committees assure advancement of IACME's strategic goals for its members. For its members, the IACME maintains and extensive resource website that contains job listings, internships, policy manuals, training opportunities, resource materials, and more. The IACME also takes advantage of opportunities to obtain grant funding to conduct education and outreach. Utilizing this funding, the IACME has provided workshops on topics such as forensic identification methods and the investigation of deaths involving opioids which have been presented in various states.

## **Annual Symposium**

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The IACME holds an annual training symposium that is comprised of a Basic and Advanced Medicolegal Death Investigation Course. Each year, forensic experts present on a variety of topics that encompass foundational knowledge as well as emerging trends. Hundreds of attendees from around the world not only are presented with first class training, but also have the opportunity to network with fellow professionals from jurisdictions worldwide.



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