

# **Greenville County Coroner's Office**



# **2017 Annual Report**

# CORONER'S OFFICE STAFF



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

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

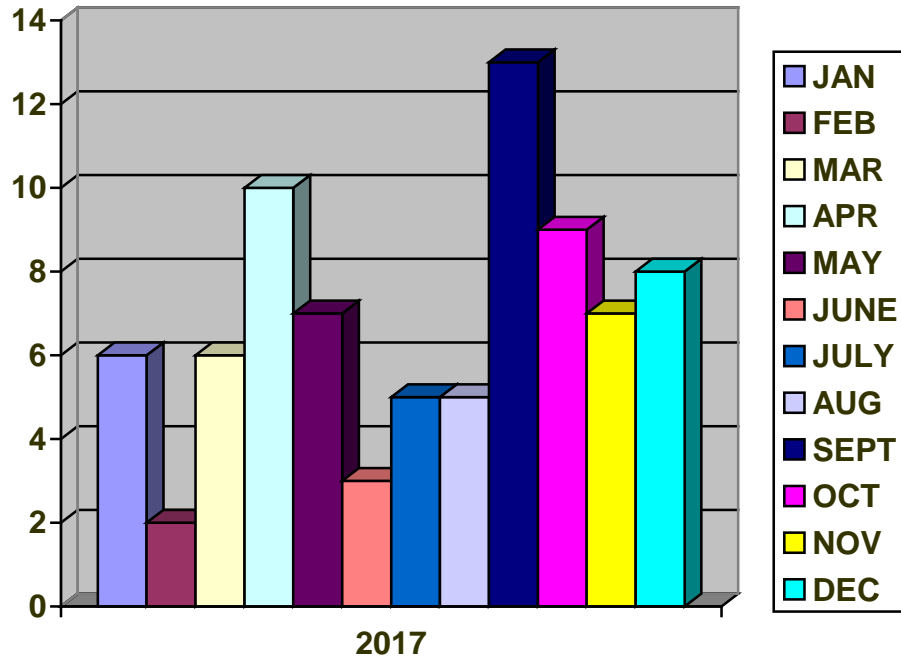
- Senior Deputy Coroner  
Kent Dill, D-ABMDI
  - Deputy Coroner  
Sonny Soler, D-ABMDI
  - Deputy Coroner  
Michael Edmonds
  - Deputy Coroner  
Jennifer Cason
- Reserve Deputy Coroner  
Tony Segars
- Administrative Assistant  
Dee Ivie
- Senior Deputy Coroner  
Jeff Fowler, D-ABMDI
  - Deputy Coroner  
Gary Sessions
  - Deputy Coroner  
Jim Donnelly
- Reserve Deputy Coroner  
Dave Milan
  - Case Manager  
Sharon Craver, D-ABMDI
- Administrative Assistant  
Jan Kiser

# MAJOR VIOLENT DEATHS 2017

	Traffic	Homicide	Suicide	Total
January	6	3	8	17
February	2	2	7	11
March	6	2	9	17
April	10	3	2	15
May	7	2	8	17
June	3	2	4	9
July	5	6	9	20
August	5	2	10	17
September	13	4	9	26
October	9	6	7	22
November	7	1	11	19
December	8	4	9	21
<b>Totals</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>211</b>

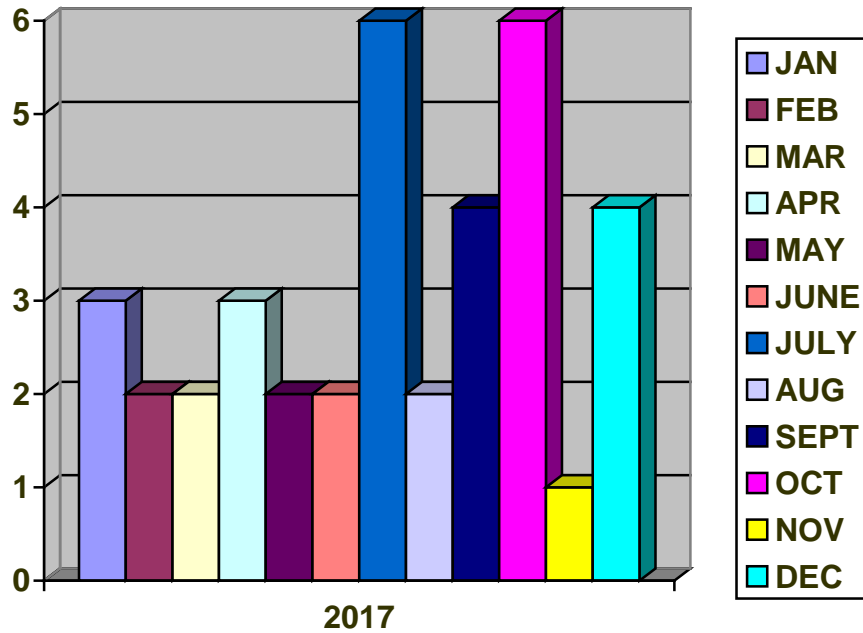


# TRAFFIC FATALITIES 2017



<b>TOTAL - 81</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>AVERAGE AGE</b>
<b>MALES</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>PEDESTRIANS</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>MOTORCYCLES</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>MOPEDS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>BICYCLISTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>AGE 15-24</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>IMPARED</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>NO SEATBELT</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>NO HELMETS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>37</b>

# HOMICIDES 2017



<b>TOTAL CASES - 37</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AVERAGE AGE</b>
<b>MALES</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>&lt;18 YEARS OLD</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>GREENVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>GREENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>MAULDIN POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>GREER POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>FOUNTAIN INN POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SIMPSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TRAVELERS REST POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SLED</b>	<b>6</b>

# SUICIDES 2017

## METHODS:

**GUNSHOT WOUNDS – 48**

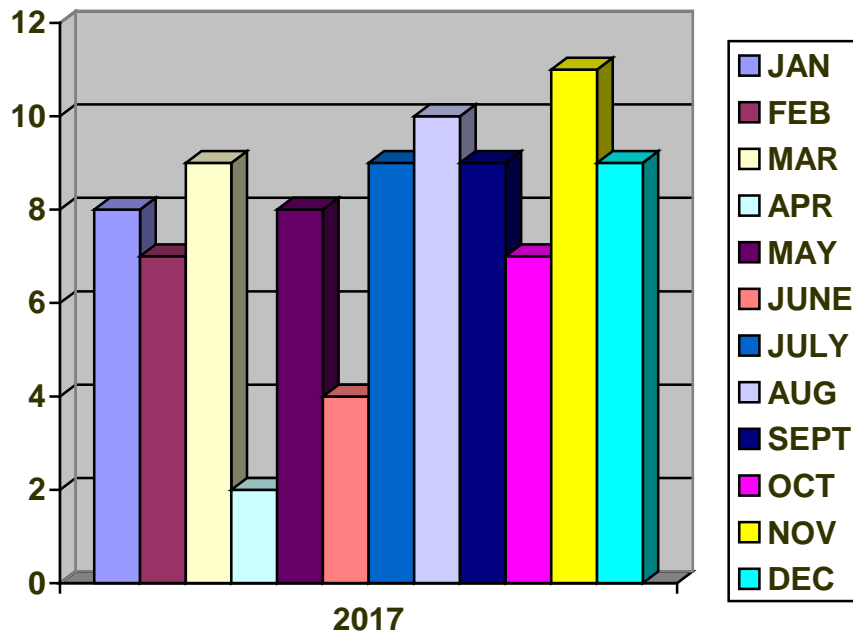
**DRUG OVERDOSE – 15**

**HANGINGS – 25**

**INHALATION POISONOUS GASES – 2**

**INGESTION OF POISON – 1**

**BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA – 2**



<b>TOTAL CASES - 93</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AVERAGE AGE</b>
<b>MALES</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>&lt;18 YEARS OLD</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>

# NON-TRAFFIC RELATED ACCIDENTAL DEATHS 2017

<b>TOTAL CASES - 200</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AVERAGE AGE</b>
<b>MALES</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>&lt;18 YEARS OLD</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6 MONTHS OLD</b>

## CAUSES:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Falls – 70</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Drowning – 6</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fire Related – 5</b></p> <p><b>Unsafe Sleeping Conditions – 4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Environmental - 4</b></p> <p><b>Carbon Monoxide Toxicity – 4</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Asphyxia – 5</b></p> <p><b>Drug Overdose – 97</b></p> <p><b>Gunshot Wound – 1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Electrocution – 1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Crush Injury – 2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Other – 1</b></p>
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# ALCOHOL/DRUGS CONTRIBUTED 2017

<b>TOTAL - 224</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AVERAGE AGE</b>
<b>MALES</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>&lt;21 YEARS OLD</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>

## Types of Deaths Positive for Alcohol or Drugs:

Traffic Fatalities – 36

Homicides – 23

Suicides – 56

Other Accidents – 108

Undetermined Manner – 1

# OFFICE TASKS 2017

Autopsies Performed – 354

Dictated External Exams – 89

Cremation Permits Issued – 2513

Burial Removal Transit Permits Issued – 2580

Indigent Cremations -- 52

Hospice Death Reports -- 2401

Facility Death Reports – 554

Total Deaths Investigated -- 3901



## DEATHS 2005, 2010, 2015, 2017

	2005	2010	2015	2017
<b>Traffic</b>	94	53	83	81
<b>Homicide</b>	34	26	36	35
<b>Suicide</b>	73	75	60	93
<b>Burns / Electrocutions</b>	5	4	5	6
<b>Accidents: Home, Work, School</b>	69	48	97	103
<b>Alcohol / Drug Present</b>	59	58	204	224
<b>Naturals</b>	1462	1940	3307	3465
<b>Undetermined</b>	4	3	1	6
<b>Falls</b>	38	32	66	70
<b>Drowning</b>	4	2	4	6
<b>SIDS/SUIDS/Unsafe Sleeping</b>	3	4	7	5
<b>Total Cases Worked</b>	1807	2541	3689	3901

*This office has continued to see an increase in case load due to the overwhelming increase in drug related deaths from the opioid crisis. The overall increase in case load is also credited to the population growth in the County of Greenville and changes to State and Federal laws that require further investigation into numerous types of deaths.*

*The Greenville County Coroner's Office continued to generate revenue for the second year. By charging for documents and permits issued to individuals that are not family of the decedent. This office was able to deposit over \$70,000 in to general funds from this year.*

# **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS 2017**

**The Coroner and his staff were involved in approximately 300 speaking engagements during 2017. 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  
Mass Fatality Management  
Public Health Impact  
Family Assistance Center Planning  
Opioid Crisis**

*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.*

*This office continues to invest in the training to further the knowledge and expertise of the staff providing services to Greenville County. The best practices learned through investigations in Greenville County are also shared throughout the county to advance this field everywhere.*

# GRANTS 2017

*Through the long standing the relationship with the Upstate Healthcare Coalition this office obtained another fully funded grant to improve our mass fatality management capabilities. This included further training and exercises in Family Assistance Centers, credentialing software and hardware to assure the level of the responders, and two mobile morgue facilities for use during a mass fatality.*



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

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**24 Hour Media Line:  
864-522-1883**

**24 Hour Death Reporting Line:  
864-230-1319**

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