



Public Safety and Justice Cluster Meeting
March 25, 2021
OCME TALKING POINTS

➤ **Unit Updates:**

- Quality Management:
 - ISO 17020 Accreditation: In November of 2020, this accreditation was attained with ZERO non-conformities.
 - NAME Accreditation: Full accreditation with NAME (National Association of Medical Examiners) for the full 5 years (2/2016 – 2/2021) without a major deficiency.
- OCME has received ten FOIA requests for records pertaining to Officer Sicknick's death following the January 6th Capitol riot. Each of those has been declined. One requestor (Judicial Watch) has appealed.
 - OCME's Public Information Officer has received more than 50 media inquiries.

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OCME Caseload by Manner and Year

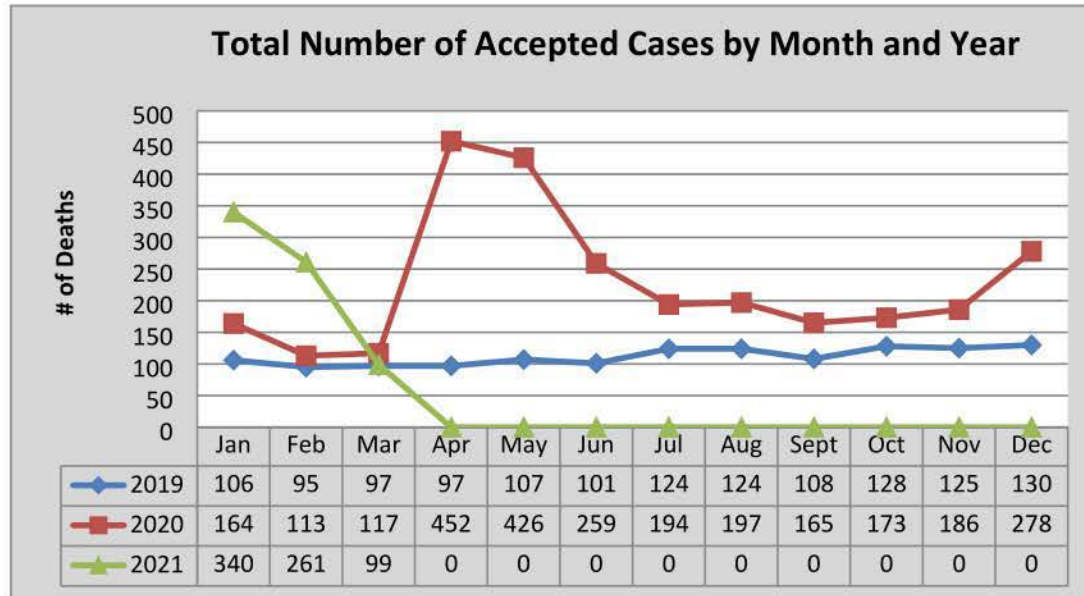
This report provides a breakdown of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiners caseload from January 1, 2019 through March 15, 2021 (YTD, unless otherwise noted). The OCME investigated 6,763 cases in 2019 compared to 9,166 cases in 2020 during the same time period. In 2021 (01/01/2021-03/15/2021), the OCME has already investigated 2,155 cases. As of March 15th, there are 165 cases from calendar year 2021 that are pending cause and manner determination (there are no cases greater than 90 days at this time). The tables below provide a breakdown of the cases by manner of death and year.

Table 1: Case Decision and Requests by Year

Case Decision by Calendar Year			
	2019	2020	2021 (YTD)
Accepted	1342	2725	691
Declined	1845	2017	454
Storage	181	237	38
Cremations	3395	4187	968
Total	6,763	9,166	2,151

Figure 1: Yearly Comparison of OCME Accepted Cases (2019 – 2021)

Note: The data presented for 2021 is for 01/01/2021 – 03-15-2021.



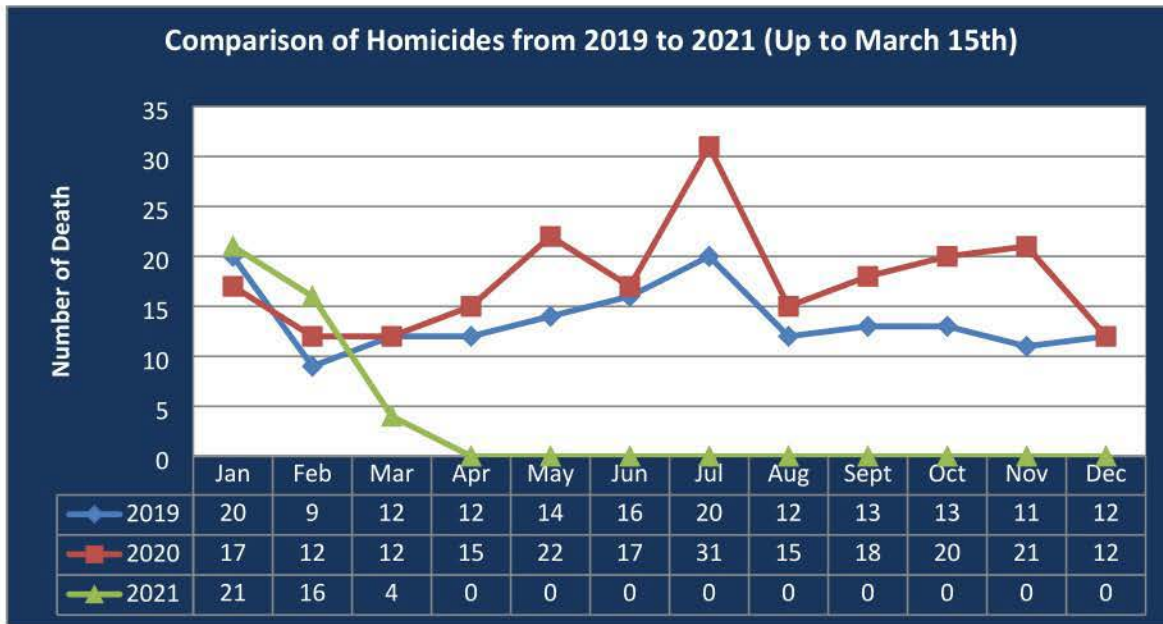
Comparison of Accepted Cases in 2019 and 2020		
	# of Deaths	Difference
2019	1342	
2020	2724	103%

Table 2: Accepted Cases by Manner of Death (excluding non-human remains)

Accepted Cases by MOD			
Manner of Death	2019	2020	2021
Accident	577	745	51
Homicide	164	212	41
Natural	521	1651	424
Pending	0	29	164
Suicide	61	54	11
Undetermined	19	33	0
	1342	2725	691

Note: The above table does not include cremains or non-human remains; except for one (1) non-human remain case in 2019. In addition, cause and manner of death determinations have not been made for all 2020 cases, which are indicated by the “Pending” cases. Please note the “Pending” number of cases change daily and may be less for 2020 at the time of this presentation. The data presented for 2021 is for 01/01/2021 – 03/15/2021 only.

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Opioid Related Deaths:

Table 2: Opioid-related Deaths, 2018-2021

	CY18	CY19	CY20	CY21 to 3/15/21
Intoxication Deaths	324	392	531	11
Opioid Deaths	214	281	408	5
% of Intoxication Deaths that are Opioid-related	66%	72%	77%	45%
Average Opioid-related Deaths per month	18	23	34	N/A

Note: The CY20 data is incomplete due to cases that are still "Pending" Cause and Manner of Death.

Falls:

