

## *FAQ's for Certification*

- Q.** When I attend the autopsies, do they all have to be signed off by a Forensic Pathologist?
- A.** Three of the autopsies must be signed by Forensic Pathologist and two can be signed by a hospital pathologist. (They must be natural deaths.)
- Q.** It says that the investigations must be signed off by a certified death investigator. Does it have to be a CCA Certified Death Investigator or will any certified death investigator work?
- A.** It must be a CCA Certified Death Investigator who signs off on your Application.
- Q.** How long do I have to complete the Application?
- A.** You have 4 years from start to finish. Autopsies, Investigations and Classes/Seminars done prior to that can't be used.
- Q.** How long do I have to get re-certified after my Certification expires?
- A.** You have a one year Grace period to get your paperwork in. Any longer than that and you have to start the whole process all over.
- Q.** I can't find my High School Diploma. Will my College Diploma or transcripts work?
- A.** Yes
- Q.** Why are the CCA Certified Death Investigators signing for my investigations?
- A.** They are saying that you have investigated the cases by yourself and that they believe you have done a thorough job.
- Q.** I don't currently work at a Coroner's Office, can I still re-certify?
- A.** No. You have to be currently working at a Coroner's Office. The Coroner has to sign off on your application verifying the information is true and accurate.