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Next CCA Board Meeting: February 29, 2012 at 7:00 pm, prior to the Outreach Training in Loveland. Location to be announced.

Call or email us anytime with your suggestions or comments at our new dedicated phone 970-628-5151

Be sure to check our website for upcoming training and other great information:

Coloradocoroners@gmail.com

MARCH OUTREACH

The next Outreach Training in Practical Medicolegal Death Investigation is March 1st and March 2nd, 2012 (Thu, Fri) at:

Best Western Conference Center,
5542 E. US Hwy 34
Loveland, CO 80537
(Intersection of I-25 and US Hwy 34)

The agenda is posted on our website.

We are offering this not only to Colorado Coroners and Coroners' Investigators, but also to any law enforcement, Victims' Advocates, and are extending the invitations into Wyoming. If you know anyone who falls into these categories and might be interested in coming, please pass on the info!

Two full scholarships (tuition and room) are available for Colorado Coroners. Application is on line and must be submitted by February 20, 2012.

JUNE CONFERENCE

The 2012 June Conference will be June 6th, 7th, and 8th (Wed, Thu, Fri) at:

Pueblo Convention Center, Pueblo. We're planning to make this conference as full of practical information as possible. We've already got some great speakers lined up!

Case presentations are needed!!!! These are always the highlight of the conference. Call or email Dianne Fairman if you have a case to present or information to share regarding either conference.

Six full scholarships (tuition and room) will be available for Colorado Coroners. Submit your application by May 19, 2012.

Go to the CCA website for Registration Forms and Additional information

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Patrick Allen, MD
Larimer County Coroner

Recently I was contacted by the Chief of Police at Colorado State University, asking that our office contact them whenever there is a death involving a student, staff or faculty member. This allows them to notify and activate other campus-based



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resources including Student Affairs, International Student Affairs and Human Resources.

It strikes me that this is a good idea and will also help us to do our job regarding both the investigation as well as notification of next of kin. Obviously, similar situations will arise throughout the state at all colleges and universities, not to mention all the various grade and high schools, etc. We already have enough to do when we are handling a death investigation, but please keep this resource in mind and try to assist the College or University when possible.

I am listing the contact campus police phone numbers for various major state institutions for potential future reference (see last page of newsletter).

Highlights from the 1/9/2012 CCA Board Meeting:

- Brenda Bock, Grand County Coroner, Past President was voted to fill the position of Secretary.
- New Board Members Lora Thomas, Douglas County Coroner and Thomas Canfield, MD, Montrose County were welcomed.
- Board Committee assignments for 2012 were finalized.
- The CCA has renewed our contract with our lobbyists, The Ackerman Information Corporation.
- Presentation of proposed state wide death investigation standards was made and received board approval. These will be sent to all coroners by April for a membership vote at the June Conference, June 6-8, 2012.

- The new Colorado Death Certificates were discussed. Please read the short article within this newsletter. We need input from any concerned coroner!
- Revised conference registration fees and scholarship parameters were set.

New Colorado Death Certificates

I would welcome comments and/or concerns from any coroner in the state regarding the new death certificates that went into use on January 1, 2012. There have been a few initial start-up problems with sufficient availability in some offices, and ability to do the on-line filing option. We can set up a meeting with the CDPHE if needed but first I need your input. What about funding from your commissioners for the on-line filing option (computer program, etc.).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education Committee

Patrick Allen, MD, Chairman, Dianne Fairman, Coordinator. The Education Committee duties are to develop programs for the Outreach Seminars, June Conference and any other education programs offered by CCA. Contact information:

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Ethics Committee

Ethics Committee membership is the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President).

Legislation Committee

The Legislation Committee duties are to monitor legislation during the legislative session, develop legislation when needed, seek Coroner opinion on legislation, work with the CCA lobbyist on legislative strategy, and organize testimony on legislation when needed.

Patrick Allen, MD, Larimer County, Chair
Bob Bux, MD, El Paso County
Brenda Bock, Grand County
Darrel Brenner, Washington County
Zane Laubham, Gilpin County
Lora Thomas, Douglas County

Coroner Assist Team

The Coroner Assist Team coordinates requests for assistance and referrals from any Colorado County Coroner. The team maintains a list of available equipment, qualified personnel, and forensic specialists. The Coroner Assist Team is Co-Chaired by Darrel Brenner, Washington County and Steve Stogsdill, Delta County.

Certification Committee

The Certification Committee is responsible for keeping the records of Certified Death Investigators, including new applicants and continuing education. Brenda Bock, Grand County,

Chair, Thomas Canfield, MD, Montrose County and Steve Stogsdill, Delta County.

Outside Committee and CCA Representatives to other Committees

- Outside Committee coordinates representatives to: Donor Alliance, Child Fatality Review, GEERC, SEMTAC, and any other council that asks for or requires a CCA representative. Co-Chaired by George Crocket, Jackson County and Stephen Lance, Ouray County.
- State EMS Committee (SEMTAC) and State All Hazards Committee (SAHAC), Zane Laubham, Gilpin County.
- Governors Emergency Response Committee (GEERC), Mike Doberson, MD, Arapahoe County.
- State Child Fatality Committee, Amy Martin, MD, Denver County and Kelly Lear-Kaul MD, Arapahoe County, appointed by the Governor.
- Legislative Salary Committee, Bob Fowler, Otero County.

Finance Committee

Steve Stogsdill, Delta County, Chair, Bruce Campbell, Douglas County and Lora Thomas, Douglas County are responsible for financial issues.

Ike Miller and Scholarship Committee

The Ike Miller Committee is responsible for managing the award process for the annual special scholarship award created by Dr. Ben Galloway, and any other awards that the Board of Directors



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deems appropriate. George Crockett, Chair, Stephen Lance, Ouray County, Art Nordyke, Custer County and Darrel Brenner, Washington County.

Marketing

This committee is responsible for the providing a selection of merchandise for members to purchase. Please call us at 303-646-5599, Mike and Sandy Graeff, Elbert County.

Website

The website is ever changing. Please check it out often as information is updated and added periodically. If you have items to add, contact Brenda Bock, Grand County, Chair, Darrel Brenner, Washington County or Debbie Reisdorff, Larimer County.

ALL CORONERS: Please check our website and confirm that your county information is accurate and up-to-date.

CCA Board Members:

Patrick Allen, Larimer County, President
Darrel Brenner, Washington County, Vice President
Brenda Bock, Grand County, Past President and Secretary
Steve Stogsdill, Delta County, Treasurer
Mike Graeff, Elbert County
Sandy Graeff, Elbert County
George Crockett, Jackson County
Arthur Nordyke, Custer County
Lora Thomas, Douglas County
Bruce Campbell, Douglas County
Stephen Lance, Ouray County
Thomas Canfield, MD, Montrose County

Guest Articles

Foxy Methoxy; A new designer drug to consider:

Foxy Methoxy is one of many slang terms for 5-methoxy-N,N-diisopropyltryptamine (5-MeO-DIPT) and is a hallucinogenic club drug in the tryptamine family, similar in effect to psilocybin. It is available as a powder, liquid or more commonly a red or purple pressed tablet, often with an embossed alien head or spider. There are also capsules that tend to have either a blue, green, tan, orange, gray or pink powder.

Ingestion is the most common method, followed by snorting or smoking. Effects are dose-dependent and occur within 20-30 minutes, peaking at 60-90 minutes and last for up to 6 hours. Effects include hallucinations, euphoria, empathy, visual and auditory disturbances or distortions, emotional distress, dilated pupils, talkativeness, disinhibition, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle tension, jaw clenching, etc.

Other slang terms include fox, foxy, foxys, trash, dip foxy, roxy, yum yum, muffy, excite-bike and five.

This drug has been in use in the Metro Denver area and may be one more designer drug to consider when working up those difficult toxicology cases. At least one of the national toxicology laboratories can test for this compound.

Patrick Allen, MD, Larimer County Coroner



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Colorado Four Year Colleges & Universities Campus Police Contact Numbers

Adams State College Police
Alamosa 719-587-7901

Colorado Mesa University
Grand Junction Police Department
Grand Junction 970-242-6707

Colorado School of Mines Police
Golden 303-273-3333

Colorado State University Police
Fort Collins 970-491-6425

Colorado State University
Pueblo County Sheriff
Pueblo 719-549-2373

Fort Lewis College Police
Durango 970-385-2900

Metro State College of Denver Police
Auraria Campus Police
Denver 303-556-5000

University of Colorado Police
Boulder 303-492-6666

University of Colorado Police
Colorado Springs 719-255-3111

University of Colorado Police
Anschutz Medical Campus
Denver 303-724-4444

University of Northern Colorado Police
Greeley 970-351-2245

Western State College Security
Gunnison Police
Gunnison 970-641-8200