

# Greenville County Coroner's Office



**2015**  
**Annual Report**

# CORONER'S OFFICE STAFF

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    - Deputy Coroner Gary Sessions
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**Monday – Friday**  
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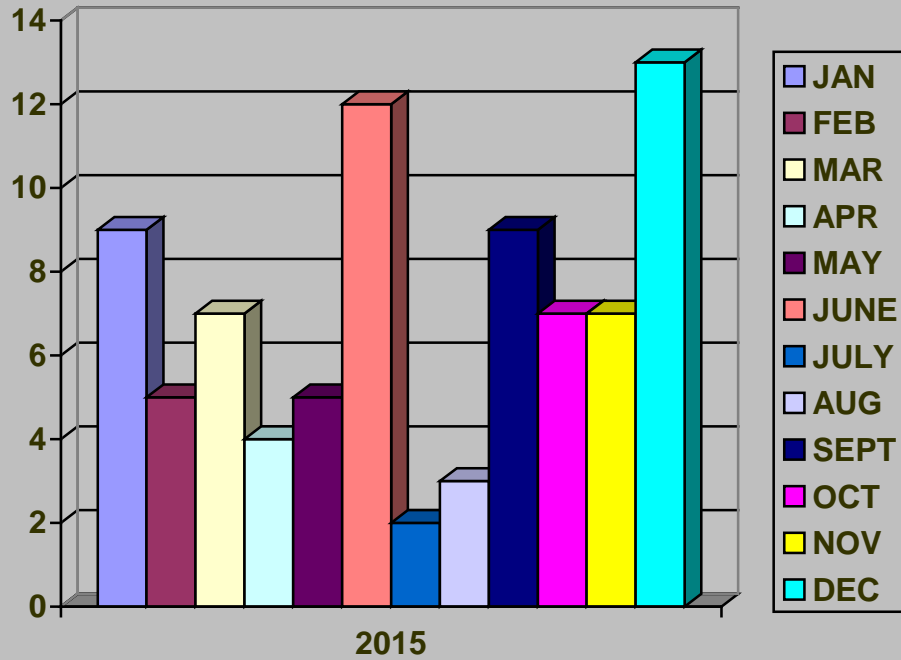
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# MAJOR VIOLENT DEATHS 2015

	Traffic	Homicide	Suicide	Total
January	9	5	8	22
February	5	3	5	13
March	7	3	4	14
April	4	2	2	8
May	5	2	7	14
June	12	4	4	20
July	2	3	5	10
August	3	0	3	6
September	9	3	4	16
October	7	5	6	18
November	7	2	4	13
December	13	4	8	25
<b>Totals</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>179</b>

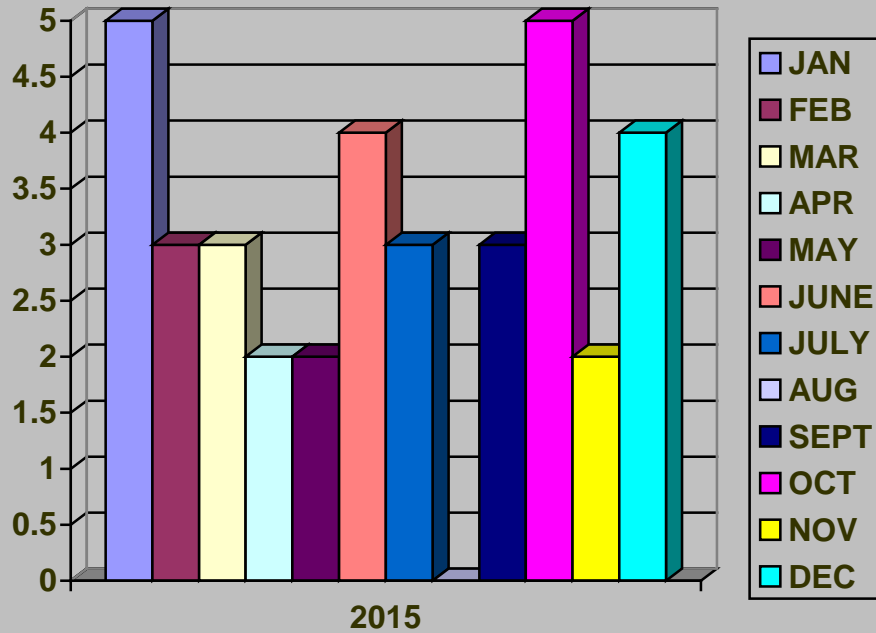


# TRAFFIC FATALITIES 2015



<b>TOTAL -83</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>AVERAGE AGE</b>
MALES	63	41
FEMALES	20	41
BLACK MALES	17	29
BLACK FEMALES	3	42
WHITE MALES	37	49
WHITE FEMALES	15	43
HISPANIC MALES	8	26
HISPANIC FEMALES	2	49
OTHER MALE	1	60
PEDESTRIANS	12	43
MOTORCYCLES	16	42
MOPEDS	5	45
BICYCLISTS	0	N/A
AGE 15-24	21	17
IMPARED	35	40
NO SEATBELT	25	40
NO HELMETS	10	47

# HOMICIDES 2015



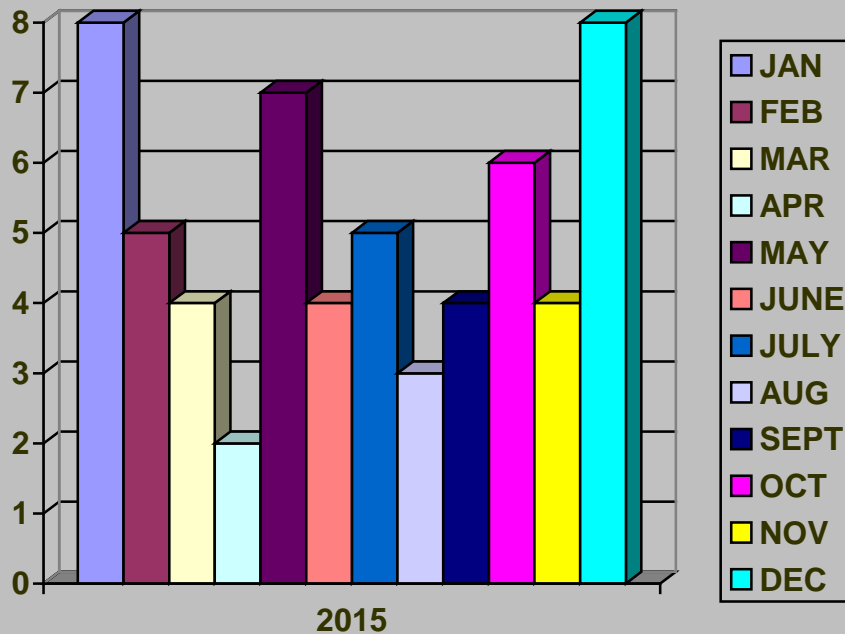
<b>TOTAL CASES - 36</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AVERAGE AGE</b>
<b>MALES</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>BLACK MALES</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>BLACK FEMALES</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>WHITE MALES</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>WHITE FEMALES</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>HISPANIC MALES</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>HISPANIC FEMALES</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>44</b>

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>GREENVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>GREENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>MAULDIN POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>GREER POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>FOUNTAIN INN POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SIMPSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TRAVELERS REST POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>SLED</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>SC HIGHWAY PATROL</b>	<b>1</b>

# SUICIDES 2015

## METHODS:

**GUNSHOT WOUNDS - 28**  
**DRUG OVERDOSE - 11**  
**HANGINGS - 14**  
**INHALATION POISONOUS GASES – 3**  
**INCISED WOUNDS – 1**  
**BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA – 2**  
**DROWNING – 1**



<b>TOTAL CASES - 60</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AVERAGE AGE</b>
<b>MALES</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>BLACK MALES</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>BLACK FEMALES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>WHITE MALES</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>WHITE FEMALES</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>HISPANIC MALES</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>HISPANIC FEMALES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>ASIAN FEMALE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>

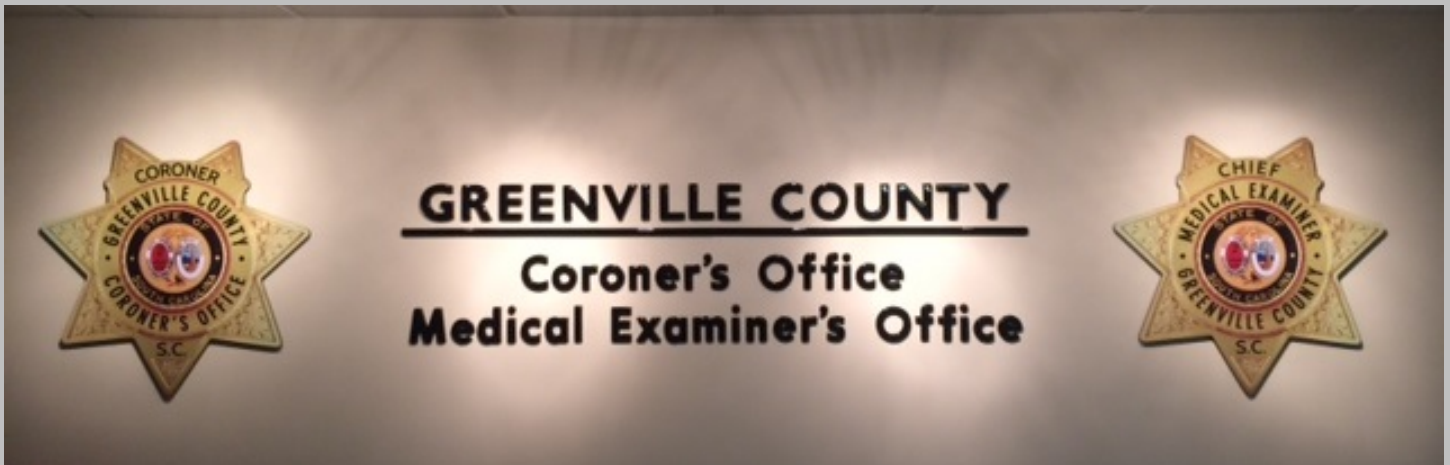
# ACCIDENTAL DEATHS 2015

<b>TOTAL CASES - 286</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AVERAGE AGE</b>
<b>MALES</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>BLACK MALES</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>BLACK FEMALES</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>WHITE MALES</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>WHITE FEMALES</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>HISPANIC MALES</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>HISPANIC FEMALES</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>ASIAN MALES</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>59</b>

## CAUSES:

**Falls - 66**  
**Drowning - 3**  
**House Fire – 5**  
**Unsafe Sleeping Conditions – 7**  
**Environmental - 3**  
**Traffic Fatality – 83**

**Crush Injury – 2**  
**Stuck By Train – 2**  
**Aspiration –6**  
**Drug Overdose - 106**  
**Impalement – 1**  
**Other - 2**



# ALCOHOL OR DRUG RELATED 2015

<b>TOTAL - 204</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AVERAGE AGE</b>
<b>MALES</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>BLACK MALES</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>BLACK FEMALES</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>WHITE MALES</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>WHITE FEMALES</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>HISPANIC MALES</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>HISPANIC FEMALES</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>

## OFFICE TASKS 2015

**Autopsies Performed – 327**

**Dictated External Exams – 42**

**Cremation Permits Issued – 2160**

**Burial Removal Transit Permits Issued – 2511**

**Indigent Cremations -- 26**

**Hospice Death Reports -- 2279**

**Hospital Death Reports – 511**

**Total Deaths Investigated -- 3689**



# TRAUMA RATINGS 2015

	Alerts	Lived	Died
January	3	2	1
February	1	1	0
March	5	2	3
April	1	1	0
May	3	3	0
June	2	1	1
July	4	3	1
August	4	4	0
September	4	4	0
October	4	3	1
November	1	1	0
December	3	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>7</b>



## DEATHS 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015

	2000	2005	2010	2015
<b>Traffic</b>	77	94	53	83
<b>Homicide</b>	32	34	26	36
<b>Suicide</b>	42	73	75	60
<b>Burns / Electrocutions</b>	7	5	4	5
<b>Accidents: Home, Work, School</b>	47	69	48	97
<b>Alcohol / Drug Abuse</b>	40	59	58	204
<b>Naturals</b>	1094	1462	1940	3307
<b>Undetermined</b>	1	4	3	1
<b>Falls</b>	23	38	32	66
<b>Drowning</b>	0	4	2	4
<b>SIDS/SUIDS/Unsafe Sleeping</b>	3	3	4	7
<b>Total Cases Worked</b>	1343	1807	2541	3689

*With changes in State and Federal laws, the percentage of natural deaths that must be investigated by this office has increased. Investigations overall have increased due to population changes throughout the County of Greenville.*

*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.*

*The Coroner's Office continually works to better prepare for mass fatality incidents through the development of better plans and a more uniform approach to the management of these types of incidents. Grants have been obtained to regionalize the response to incidents requiring more resources than available in the county.*

# **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS 2015**

**The Coroner and his staff were involved in approximately 300 speaking engagements during 2015. 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  
SCNSC Alive at 25 Program  
Mass Fatality Management



*This office has made several advances in the past year to better serve the community and provide more advanced investigations.*

*Every Deputy has been equipped with portable fingerprint scanners to provide a quicker identification of the decedent. This allows for information in regards to the decedent to be obtained while on scene and allows for more rapid notification of families.*

*A Deputy Coroner has joined the Greenville County Sheriff's Office Dive Team as well as the Greenville County Emergency Response Team Water Division. With our office being involved at such an early point, a medicolegal death investigation is now being conducted during the initial response and recovery of the decedent. This builds a more uniform approach to water related deaths and investigations.*

*The Greenville County Coroner's Office has partnered with the Foothills Search and Rescue K-9 Unit and is now the first office in this state with an in-house human remains detection canine.*



*Ino is a German Shepard Dog that was recently certified through the Scientific Working Group on Dog and Orthogonal detector Guidelines. Ino and her handler have trained together since the summer of 2015. They work together as a team to locate human remains both on land and water.*

*Coroner B. Parks Evans, Jr. has been serving as the Greenville County Coroner since September the 8<sup>th</sup> of 1991. In 2016 he will seek to be re-elected into his 7<sup>th</sup> term and continue to be the longest serving Coroner in Greenville County History.*