.14 Release of Medical Examiner's Records.

A. Individual files of the Chief Medical Examiner are not public records but are private medical records protected from disclosure under the provisions of State Government Article, §§10-611 et seq., Annotated Code of Maryland.

B. An exception to these confidential medical records is the official medical examiner's autopsy report. This report is a public record and is generally subject to disclosure under State Government Article, §§10-611 et seq., Annotated Code of Maryland, unless the case is subject to an ongoing investigation, or other appropriate reason for denial of disclosure exists.

C. Fee Schedule.

(1) A fee of $30 for a first degree relative may be charged.

(2) A fee of $120 for all others may be charged for providing a requested autopsy report and included toxicology report.

(3) Requests for other information or material shall be accompanied by a court order or subpoena unless the Custodian of Records determines compelling circumstances exist warranting the release of materials. If releasable, the contents of the file will be copied at a cost of $1 per page with a minimum charge of $25 excluding any item independently listed in §C of this regulation.

(4) Photographs are $20 each.

(5) Duplicate glass slides are $20 each if available. If glass slides were not originally made, there is an additional charge of $10 per slide.

(6) A proof of death document may be obtained for $20.

(7) If any or all of the items listed in §C of this regulation are requested in digital format (CD or DVD), an additional fee of $60 shall apply.

(8) These fees do not apply if the releasable documents are viewed only, by appointment, at the OCME, at the discretion of the custodian of records.

D. An individual, other than the custodian of the records of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner or a designee, may not copy or distribute a copy of the official report of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.
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| 10.35.01.16.htm | 10.35.01.16. 16 Child Abuse or Neglect, or Both.. A death that is reported by a medical examiner orally and in writing to the local or state law enforcement agency of the subdivision in which the child resides or was found, as found by the Chief Medical Examiner that is found to be caused by or related to abuse or neglect, shall be reported to the sheriff or state law enforcement officer, in the jurisdiction where a death occurs, shall notify the sheriff's office, in the jurisdiction where a death occurs, shall notify the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. |
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| 10.35.01.19.htm | 10.35.01.19. 19 Deputy Medical Examiners/Forensic Investigators.. A. The Postmortem Examiners Commission shall appoint one or more deputy medical examiners for the county. B. The Postmortem Examiners Commission shall appoint a list of qualified individuals submitted by the county medical society. If the medical society does not submit a list of qualified individuals, the Postmortem Examiners Commission shall appoint a deputy medical examiner for the county without a list of qualified individuals. |
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