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Tioga County Coroner's Office
Annual Report 2020

The Coroner's Office is located at 1062 State Route 38 in Owego, New York at the Health and Human Services Complex. The Coroner's Office is manned twenty-fours a day, seven days a week by an on call system through the Tioga County 911 System.

The Tioga County Coroner's Office consists of four elected Coroners. The Coroners in Office during 2020 were Administrative Coroner W. Stewart Bennett, Neil J. Lewis, Robert P. Williams and Ryan H. Kline.

In 2020 Tioga County Coroner's office saw a slight increase in drug related deaths compared to 2017 (11) 2018 (8) 2019 (14) (2020 15). Along with the increase drug death cases, we also saw an increase of violent death cases.

In 2020 The Tioga County Coroner's Office handled 128 cases; almost all cases were assigned through the 911 call center.

The cases were handled as follows:

JAN. to December	2020
Robert P. Williams	40
Ryan H. Kline	25
Neil J. Lewis	2
W. Stewart Bennett	61

The 128 cases were ruled by the attending Coroner as follows:

Natural Causes	91
Accidental	23 (15 Drug Deaths)
Undetermined	0
Pending	12
Suicides	2

2020 CORONER CASES BY TOWN

Barton	27
Berkshire	2
Candor	12
Newark Valley	6
Nichols	5
Owego	47
Richford	14
Spencer	1
Tioga	14
Total Cases	128

This yearly report is based on the information provided to the Administrative Coroner as of 12-31-2020.

Yearly Comparison:

2009 – 37 2018 -- 87
2010 – 62 2019- 119
2011 --76 2020-128
2012 – 82
2013 – 62
2014 – 85
2015 – 83
2016 – 88
2017 – 92

Respectfully submitted,

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Tioga County, New York