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2025 Annual Report

The Tioga County Coroner's Office operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by the next available on-call system through the Tioga County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Unit.

The Tioga County Coroner's Office consisted of three elected Coroners. The elected coroners in office during 2025 were Robert Williams, Ryan Kline and Keith Lewis. In February 2025 the Tioga County Legislature appointed John Olsen as a Coroner, and he served through the balance of the year. The internal working title - Administrative Coroner is not being used. Coroner Williams is the point of contact for the coroners.

Highlights

- John Olsen was appointed Coroner to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of W. Stewart Bennett 12/31/2024. Coroner Olsen successfully completed the NYS mandated 1 day Coroner 101 course in March 2025.

Unusual Case:

- 1/16/2025 Town of Owego - a 51-year-old woman was attacked and killed by her 6-year-old American Bull Dog.

Challenges

- There is no standard Records Management System being utilized by all coroners, making case tracking/locating and accurate statistical reporting is difficult. Electronic Records Management Systems were researched. It is anticipated that a Records Management System will be purchased and in place early in 2026.

The coroner's office handled 118 cases which were classified as:

	Coroner Williams	Coroner Kline	Coroner Lewis	Coroner Olsen
Natural	34	34	8	17
Accidental	10	5	3	2
Suicide	2	2	0	1
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Undetermined	0	0	0	0
Pending	0	0	0	0
Total cases	<u>46</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>20</u>
Autopsies	16	19	7	10

Note: 5 of the autopsies where medical records review cases.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tioga County Coroners