

CLASS 6 COUNTY CORONERS

CRAIGHEAD COUNTY

Toby Emerson

Coroner Salary \$ 80,301.00

Deputy Coroners - Coroner stated that he is allotted 75,000 dollars out of other professional services.

CALL VOLUME- 2022- 1065 as of now

2021- 1,121

CERTIFICATIONS: Arkansas Medicolegal Death Investigator Certified

American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigator Certified

SUIDI Certified in Infant Deaths

GARLAND COUNTY

Stewart Smedley

Coroner Salary \$79,738

2 Full Time Deputies- Stated makes around 40,000 a piece.

2 Part Time Deputies- Makes around 15,000 a piece.

Coroner Stated he is getting a cola raise to 80,000 or more.

CALL VOLUME: 2022- 1900 so far

2021- 2100

Coroner stated this is a retirement community, tourist community and one of the only places in Arkansas that has a Neuro hospital. Stated lots of people are flown in for head trauma and pass away.

CERTIFICATIONS: Arkansas Medicolegal Death Investigator Certified

American Board Medicolegal Death Investigator Certified
Arkansas Coroner Association Treasurer
SUIDI Certified- Infant Deaths

SALINE CO

Kevin Cleghorn

Coroner Salary- 80,136

2 Full Time Deputies – Chief Deputy~ 53,074

Deputy 41,972

5 Part Time Deputies - 50.00 for facility death

100.00 for Scene death

CALL VOLUME: Coroner Stated between 900- 1000 deaths per year.

CERTIFICATIONS: Arkansas Medicolegal Death Investigator Certified

American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigator Certified

Arkansas Coroner's Association President

FAULKNER CO.

Jessica Freeman

Coroner Salary- 69,225

2 Full Time Deputies – 41,600 a piece

Part - time allocation 20,000

CALL VOLUME- 2022- 1,101 as of now

2021- 1,118

CERTIFICATIONS: Arkansas Medicolegal Death Investigator Certified

American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigator Certified

Arkansas Coroner Association Secretary.

One of only two Coroners in the state that is certified in the recovery of human remains.

SUIDI Certified- to investigate infant deaths and do a doll reenactment to determine the cause of deaths in infants.

Certified in Homicide Investigations through the Criminal Justice Institute.

Certified in Aquatic Death and Homicidal Drowning Investigations.

JEFFERSON CO.

Chad Kelley

Coroner Salary- 64,800

5 Deputy Coroners - \$110 for 24 hours of call

CALL VOLUME - 2022 – 657

2021- 714

CERTIFICATIONS: Arkansas Medicolegal Death Investigator

SEBASTIAN CO.

Kenny Hobbs

Coroner Salary 59,379

Will have a new Chief Deputy for 2023- making around 40,000 a year

Allotted 12,000 for part-time Deputy Coroner's

CALL VOLUME- Around 2,000 a year.

CERTIFICATIONS: Arkansas Medicolegal Death Investigator

SUIDI certified

WHITE CO.

David Powell

Coroner Salary: 35,542

3 Deputy Coroner's: 28,285

Call Volume: Coroner stated they do around 1000 deaths a year.

CERTIFICATIONS: None at this time.

14-14-1212. Coroner medicolegal death investigation training--Authorization for salary adjustment for certified county coroner--Definition (a) As used in this section, "certified county coroner" means a county coroner who has obtained a certificate of satisfactory participation and completion of medicolegal death investigation training from the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training under § 14-15-308 or the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators. (b) The quorum court of each county that has a certified county coroner is authorized to fix by ordinance the annual salary of a **certified county coroner** within the schedule of maximum salaries under § 14-14-1204. (c) Beginning September 1, 2017, and on each September 1 thereafter, the compensation schedule prepared under § 14-14-1210(c) shall reflect a separate maximum annual salary for a certified county coroner with a salary adjustment made under subsection (b) of this section and § 14-14-1204(i).

The office of the Coroner is a Constitutional Office.