



COLD CASE-UNIDENTIFIED BODIES POLICY

Policy# 14-1016-1 Cold Case-Unidentified Bodies Policy Total Pages=2 Revised 03-25-2024

PURPOSE: To establish guidelines for the investigation of unidentified bodies.

Justification: We have a legal and moral responsibility to exhaust all available resources to identify all bodies within our jurisdiction and return them to their families.

Policy:

1. The investigator will follow Ohio Revised Code Section 313.08 Coroner Custodian of Morgue - Duties Where Decedent Not Identified.
2. ORC 313.08 requires fingerprints and DNA collection.
3. In addition, all available information will be entered into the National Missing and Unidentified System (NAMUS) and updated as information becomes available. Regular searches in this database will be made for possible matches. All possible matches will be followed up on completely.
4. The investigator will work with local, state and federal law enforcement with any and all leads that may lead to identification, and to have the unidentified information entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).
5. In facially unrecognizable cases, the investigator will have a facial reconstruction created; sketch or preferably a sculpture.
6. Media resources will be utilized; newspaper, news networks and any other form of news media.
7. These cases will remain open and active until the individual has been identified and returned to their family.
8. This policy applies to any recovered partial remains; partial remains will be investigated the same as complete body.
9. Commingled Remains that cannot be completely separated but are able to be identified through DNA, final disposition will be discussed with next of kin.
10. All cold-unidentified cases will be reviewed monthly.

This policy has been approved and is effect until further notice:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Trotter DO".

Benjamin Trotter, DO, Coroner

03/25/2024

Date