

Forensic Specialists

Policy:

RCW: 68.50.330 allows the Skagit County Coroner to have a qualified specialist to assist with the identification of remains under the jurisdiction of Skagit County Coroner.

Odontologist:

A Board Certified Forensic Odontologist will perform an examination of the body or human remains when identification cannot be established by any other means. The Coroner's Office will obtain and provide the Forensic Odontologist with ante-mortem dental records as well as include the Forensic Odontologist as consultant on the case in MDI log. The Odontologist is required to provide a written report to the Coroner after the examination is complete.

Anthropologist:

When skeletal, mummified or burned remains are discovered, a Board-Certified Forensic Anthropologist will be contacted as required by RCW. The Coroner's Office will coordinate with the Forensic Anthropologist to examine the remains which may require the remains to be transported to the facility in which the Forensic Anthropology examination will take place. The Forensic Anthropologist is required to provide a written report to the Coroner after the examination is complete.

Other Forensic Specialists:

Additional forensic specialists are available to assist the Coroner in cases where additional analysis is needed such as Fingerprinting, DNA, Entomology and Anthropology.

Forensic specialists are required to provide a report of examination for each Coroner case.