



COUNTY OF COLLIN
STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER
FY 2011 REPORT

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OUR MISSION

To uphold Article 49.25 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

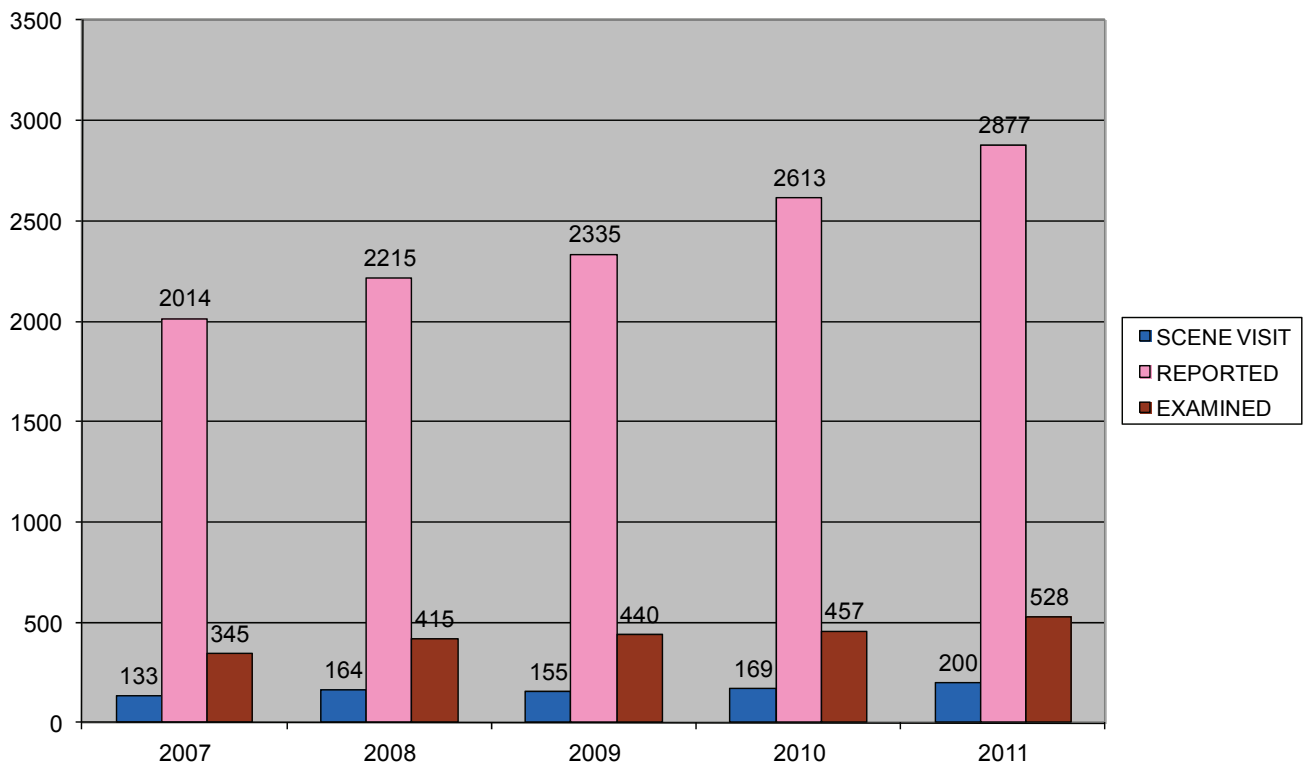
This includes establishment of a competent cause and manner of death for all reported cases to the office. The Medical Examiner is also tasked with the issuance of cremation permits, facilitating tissue procurement, assistance with such donations, as well as meeting the needs of families, law enforcement, the District Attorney, Homeland Security, the medical and legal communities, as well as funeral directors.

HISTORY

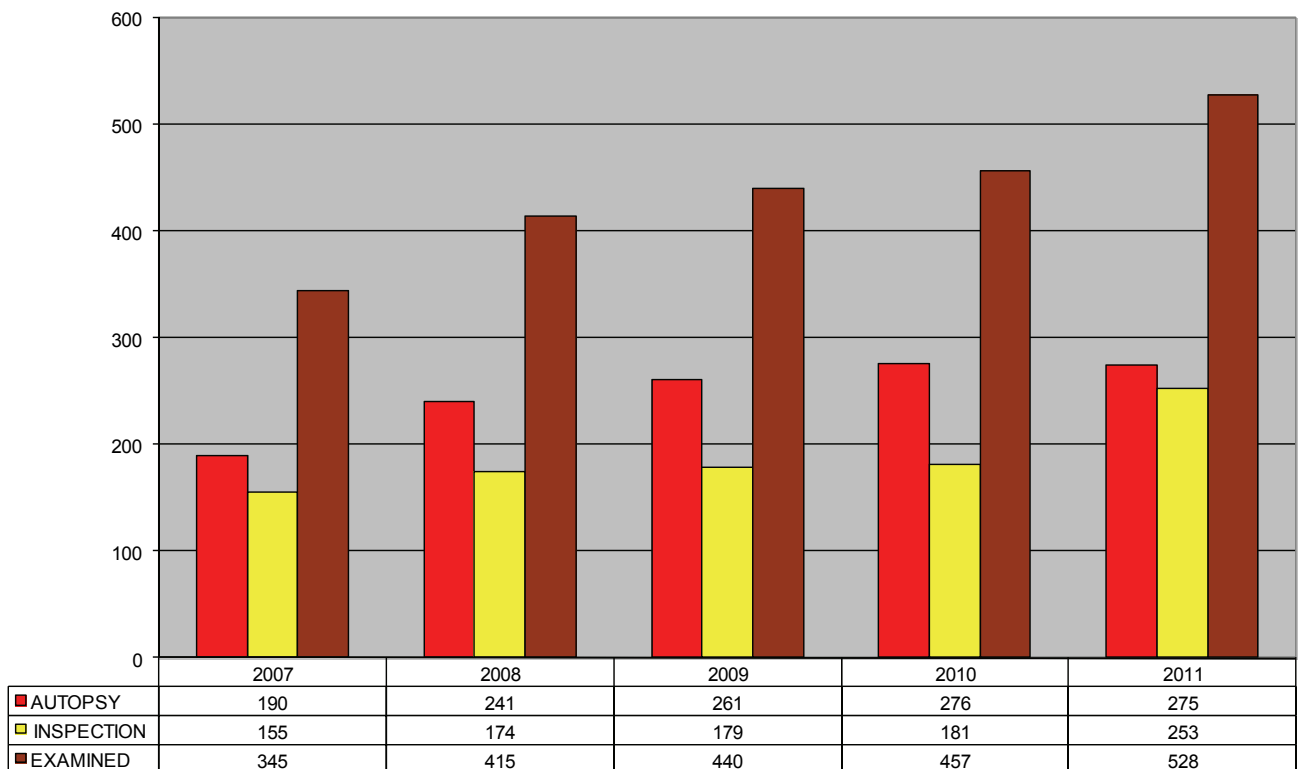
The Collin County Medical examiner's Office was created in 1986 and opened on January 1, 1987. Under the requests and orders of the Commissioners Court, William B. Rohr M.D. was appointed as the Medical Examiner who retains this position to this day. In FY2009, the addition of Sheila Spotswood M.D. came into effect and has greatly reduced the impact of an ever increasing caseload. The office operated on an annual budget of \$1,118,005 in 2011, and continues to offer exam and investigative services to Fannin and Grayson Counties along the northern borders of Collin County. This action adopted in January of 2009 has cancelled the previous distinction of the Collin County Medical Examiner's Office being the only M.E. operation in the State of Texas which served *only* its county population. As the current trend of northeast expansion of the Dallas-Ft. Worth metro area continues, the city limits of towns in these counties have spread south into Collin County with no foreseeable decline in the future. The re-opening of duties outside of Collin County has increased the caseload handled by this office in terms of pathology; toxicology, investigation, evidence / property (storage & disposal), transportation of bodies, and courtroom testimony.

Information presented in this annual report has been compiled on the deaths reported to the Collin County Medical Examiners Office during FY 2011.

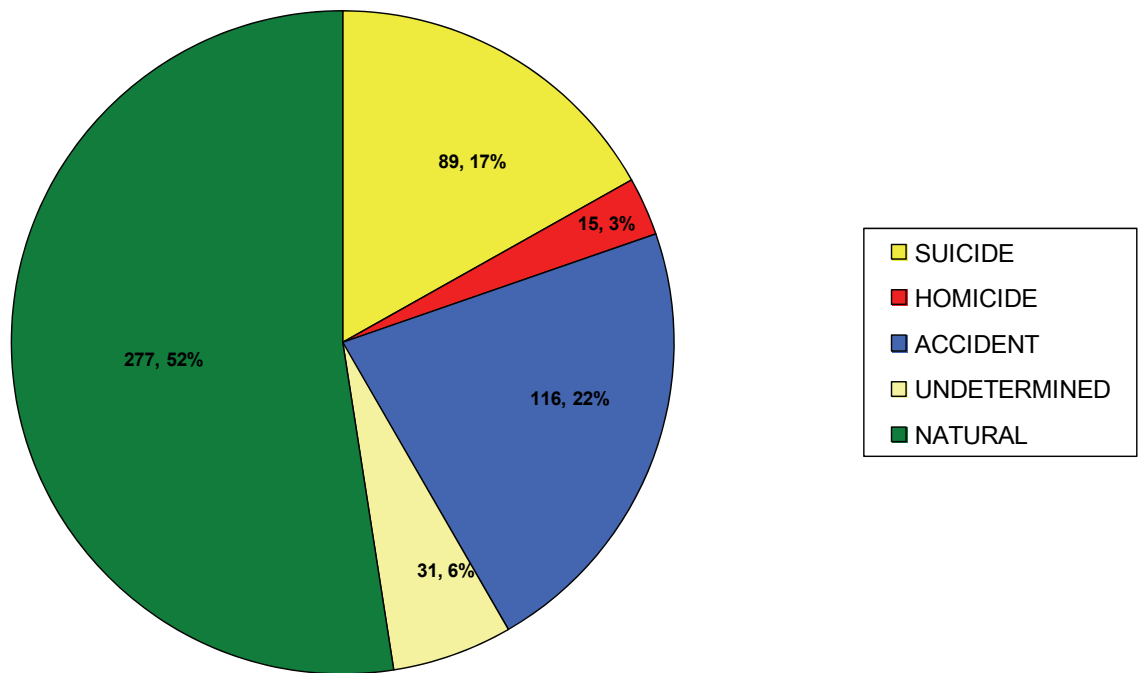
FY2007-11 WORKLOAD (INCLUDES OUT OF COUNTY CASES)



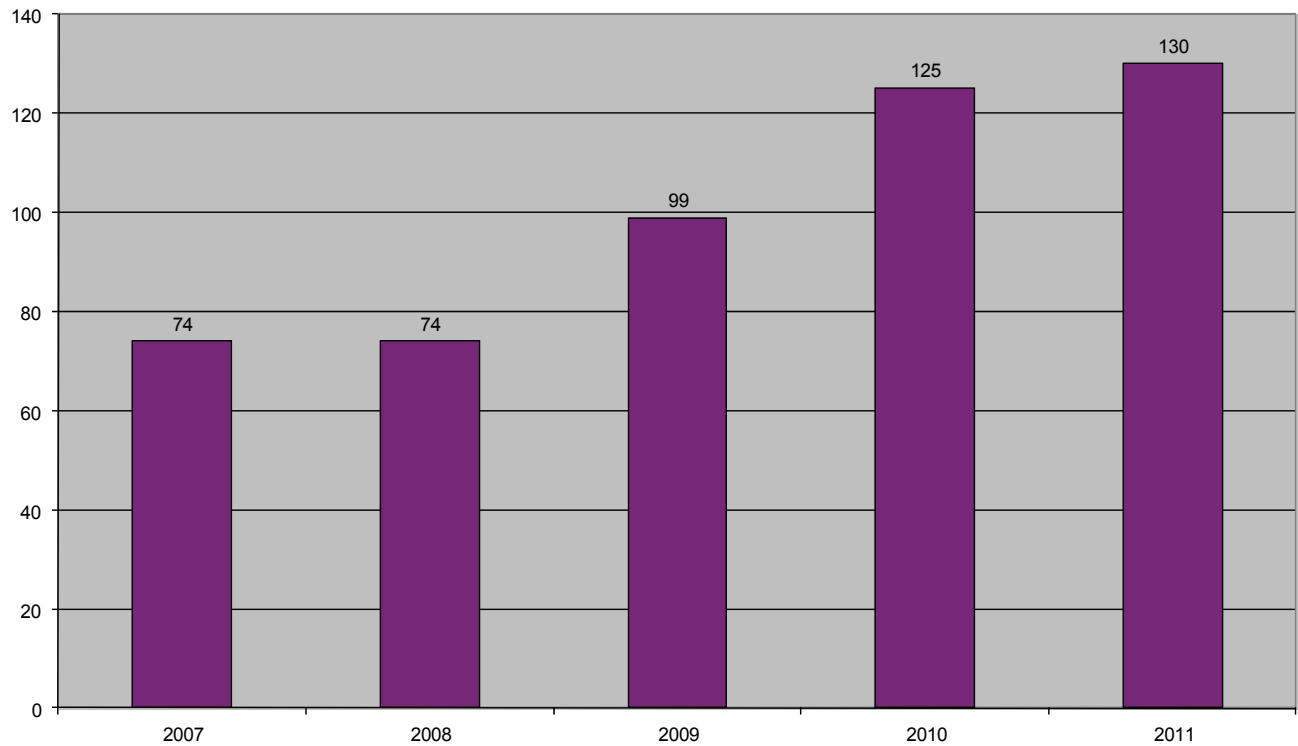
FY2007-2011 EXAMINATION TOTALS (INCLUDES OUT OF COUNTY CASES)



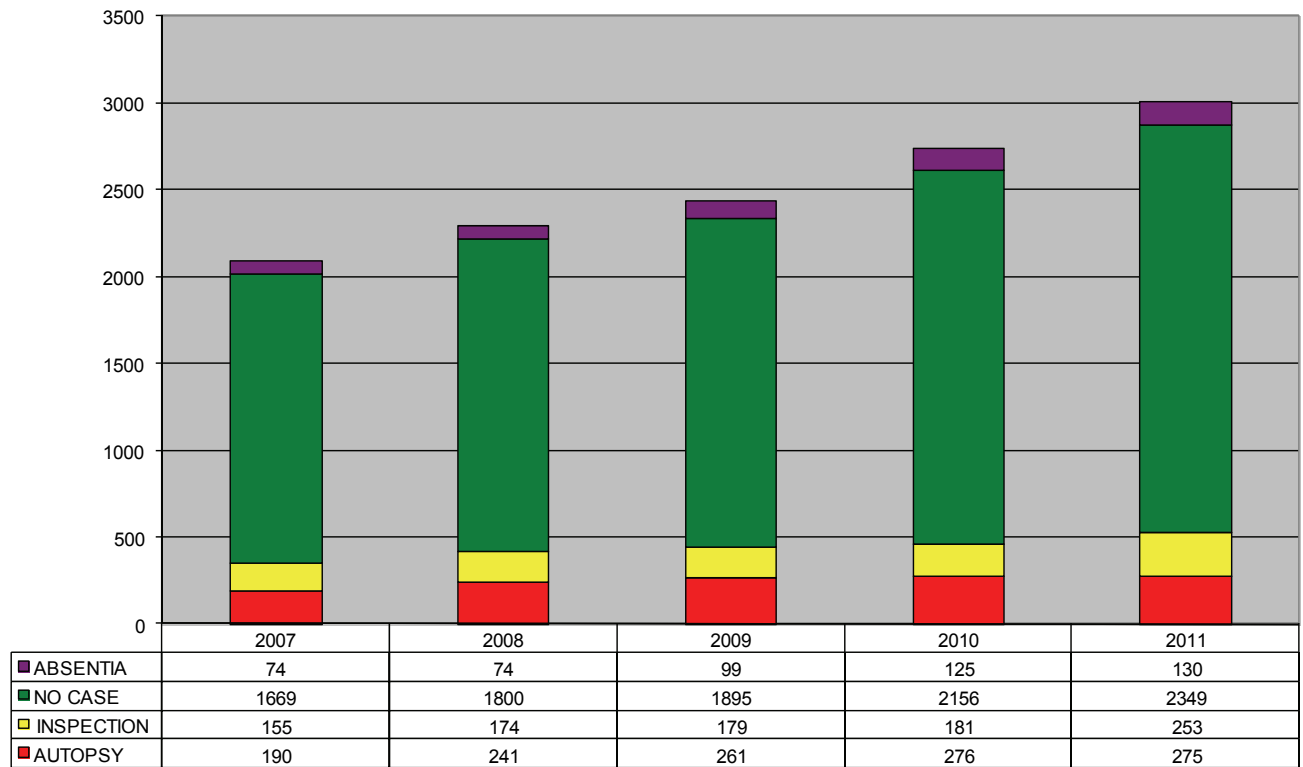
FY2011 NUMBER, PERCENT EXAMINED BY MANNER OF DEATH (INCLUDES 56 OUT OF COUNTY CASES)



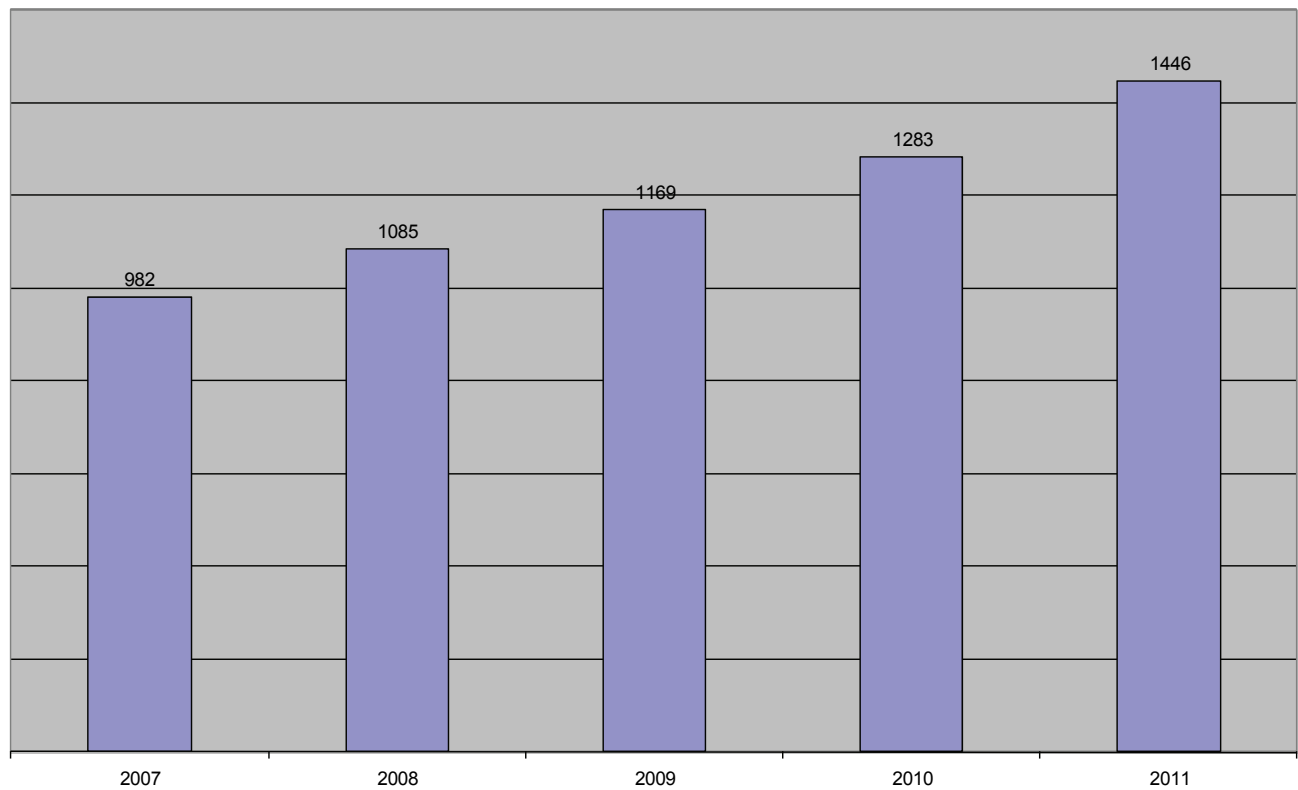
ABSENTIACASES (NOT EXAMINED, DEATH CERTIFICATE SIGNED AFTER MEDICAL RECORDS REVIEW)



FY2007-11 DEATH REPORT DISPOSITION (INCLUDES OUT OF COUNTY CASES)



FY2007-11 CREMATION PERMITS



Our Demographics

Here's a demographic snapshot of the northern most county in the Dallas metroplex:

County Seat: McKinney
Area: 848 sq. miles of land; 38 sq. miles of water
Towns and Cities: 27
Estimated Population (2009): 791,631
50/50 population split of males to females
Median age: 33.7 years
Under 18 years old: 1 in 4 residents
Over 65 years of age: 6%
Number of households: 246,000
Average number per household: 2.8
Number of families: 72% of households
Traditional married couple families: 80% of family households
Number of adults living alone: 57,000
Average Wage per Job (2004): \$42,736
Median Household Income: (2004) \$75,709
New residents moving in each day (2009): 74
Density: 580 people/sq. mile
Paved County Roads: 726 miles
Average Taxable Home Value: \$233,000
County Tax Rate (2009): \$0.24 per \$100 assessed value
Independent School Districts: 21
Special Districts: 2
Hospital Districts: None
County-level Elected Officials: 35
Registered Voters (2010): 424,548
Voter Turnout (November 2010): 37.1%
The numbers make Collin County:

The fastest growing county in Texas, and one of the fastest growing in the U.S.

The 6th most populous county in Texas

Among counties with more than a half-million people, the highest sustained growth rate since the last Census in 2000, at 61 percent

The wealthiest county in Texas

ADULT FATALITY REVIEW TEAM

The Adult Fatality Review Team meets on the last Friday of every month at the Collin County Medical Examiners Office. The team members are:

Dr. William Rohr – Chief Medical Examiner (Collin County)

Dr. Sheila Spotswood - Deputy Medical Examiner (Collin County)

Sabina Stern – Collin County Substance Abuse

Suzane Curtis – Collin County Epidemiology

Sue Schultz – Mental Health Professional

Amy Atnip R.N.– Medical Center of Plano

Tracy Batson – US Dept. of Justice

The purpose of the Collin County Adult Fatality Review Team is to review all deaths of adults in Collin County from a public health perspective and to enhance the skills of those investigating death in Collin County, especially the Medical Examiner, Epidemiology, Substance Abuse, and Mental Health.

The interaction that takes place among these agencies during the Review Team meetings gives insight to everyone involved and helps them to understand why these deaths take place with a focus on prevention.

CHILD FATALITY REVIEW TEAM

The Child Fatality Review Team meets the first Friday of every month at the Plano Fire Department. The members of the team are:

Dr. William Rohr - Chief Medical Examiner

Dr. Sheila Spotswood - Deputy Medical Examiner

Amy Atnip R.N. – Director of Trauma Services: Medical Center of Plano

Alyson Dietrich – Collin County District Attorney’s Office

Susan Etheridge – CASA of Collin County

Delia Guillamondegui – CPS Inv. Supervisor / CCCC

Curtis Howard – Police Legal Advisor / Plano Police Dept.

Jack D. Sides – Captain-EMS/Training Division-Plano Fire Dept.

Danelle Parker – Community Wellness / THP-Hospital of Plano

Jeff Rich – Plano Police Dept.

Erica Stanley – CCCAC

Sue Schultz, LPC, LMFT – Collin County CFRT Coordinator

Sabina Stern – CFRT Member

Dr. Brad Tate – Pediatric Hospitalist

Crystal Levonius – Collin County District Attorney’s Office

Sgt. Brian Sartain – Frisco Police Department

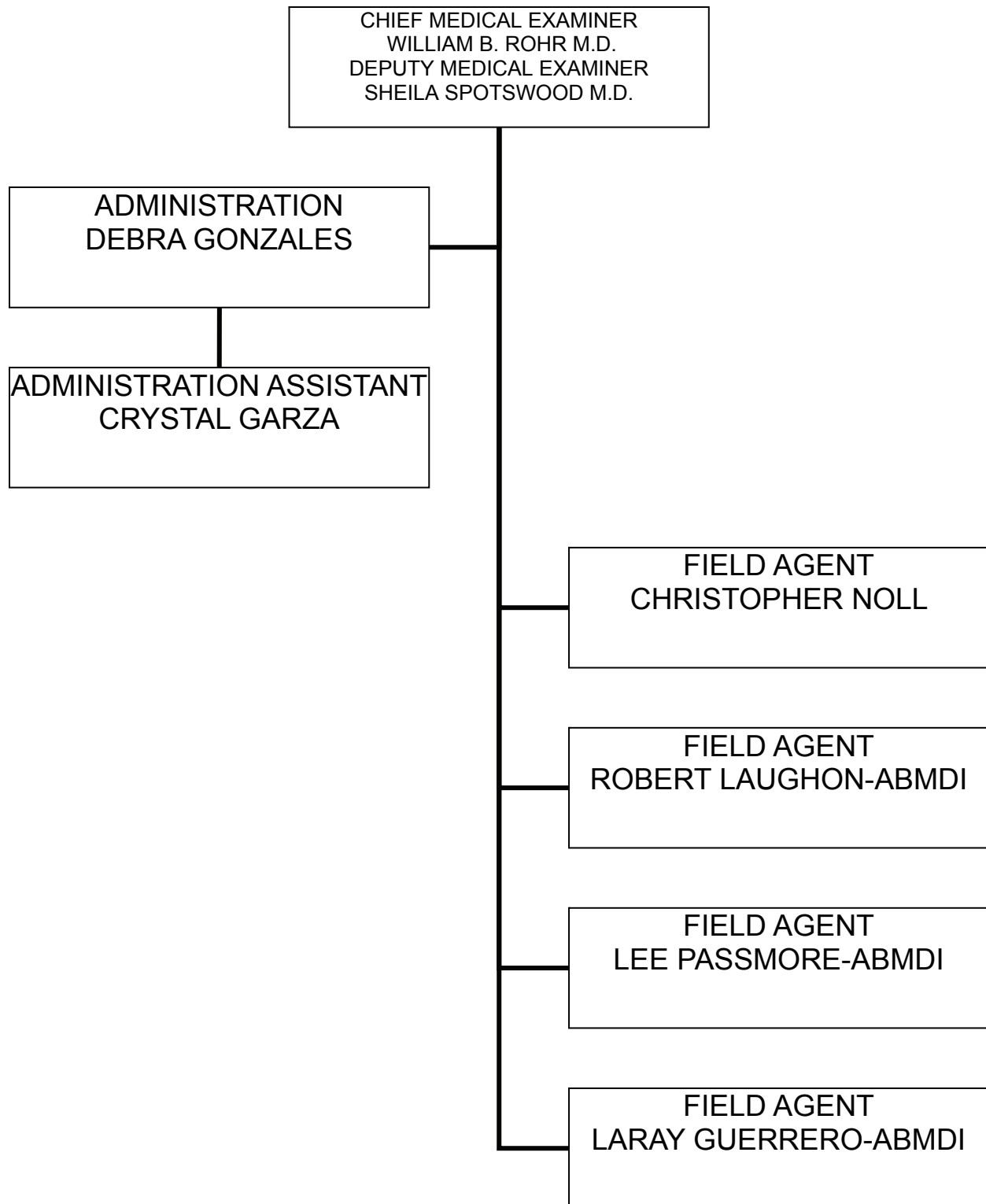
Suzanne Curtis – Collin County Health Department

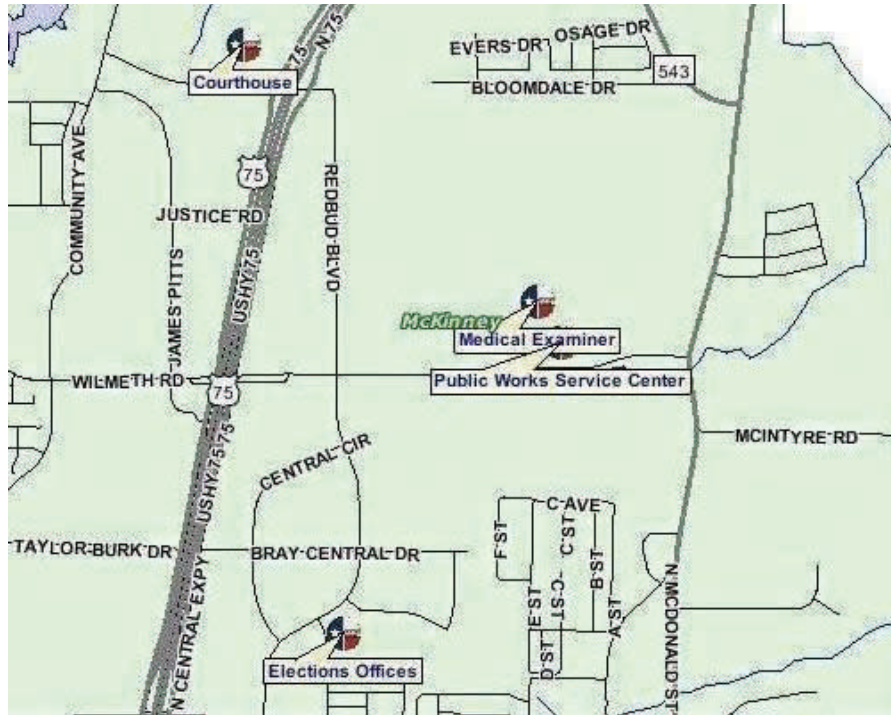
Katy Emerson – CCCC

Brett A. Martin – CPS/CC Children’s Advocacy Center

The purpose of the Collin County Child Fatality Review Team is to review all deaths of children in Collin County from a public health perspective and to enhance the skills of those investigating death in Collin County, especially the Medical Examiner, law enforcement and Child Protective Services. The interaction that takes place among these agencies during the Review Team meetings gives insight to everyone involved and helps them to understand why these deaths take place with a focus on prevention.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





**DIRECTIONS TO COLLIN COUNTY MEDICAL
EXAMINERS OFFICE:**

**TAKE US-75 TO MCKINNEY EXIT 42-A @ WILMETH
ROAD**

**HEAD EASTBOUND UNTIL THE 4 LANES BECOME
ONLY 2**

**TURN NORTH AT THE CCMEO SIGN AND
PROCEED TO PUBLIC PARKING. HOURS 8-5 M-F**