



# Lane County Death Investigations

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## General Information

The Lane County Death Investigations Division extends its deep sympathy for the death of your loved one. It is our desire and office policy to assist you in the best possible manner. Here is some basic information that might assist you during this time. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact our office at (541) 682-4261 and ask for the Lead Medical-Legal Death Investigator.

### **Q. Why is the Death Investigations Division involved?**

A. Pursuant to ORS 146.090, the Death Investigations Division shall investigate and certify the cause and manner of death in circumstances such as apparent homicide, suicide, accident or after an injury, suspicious or unknown circumstances, unlawful use of a controlled substance, or while not under the care of a physician.

### **Q. Where will the deceased be taken?**

A. If the deceased is not released directly from the scene of death to a funeral home, they will be transported to the Lane County Morgue for an examination.

### **Q. Will an autopsy be performed?**

A. The State M.E. determines if an autopsy or external exam is warranted.

### **Q. Will an external examination or autopsy prevent a funeral service or viewing?**

A. Not at all. The exam is carefully performed with sensitivity and respect. The procedure does not prevent the body from being viewed nor preclude a funeral service.

### **Q. Do I have to pay for the external examination or autopsy?**

A. No. Public funds cover examination costs.

### **Q. What should I do after being made aware of the death and the involvement of the Death Investigations Division?**

Select a funeral home. Funeral directors are familiar with the operation of the Death Investigations Division and can assist you in making all arrangements for final disposition of the deceased, including obtaining the death certificate. The Death Investigations Division **cannot** recommend a funeral home.

### **Q. Will I be made aware of the results of an external examination or autopsy?**

A. Absolutely. If you contact the Death Investigations Division a day or two following the examination, preliminary results should be available.

### **Q. Will I be able to get copies of the Death Investigations Division reports?**

A. Copies of examination and investigation reports are available through the State Medical Examiner's Office in Portland at (971) 673-8200 once the investigation is complete and the death certificate is signed.

## Local Funeral Homes

### Eugene Area

**Alpha Cremation Services**

541-682-3064

**West Lawn Funeral Home**

541-342-8281

**Lane Memorial Gardens**

541-342-1684

**England's Memorial Chapel**

541-686-2035

**Chapel of Memories**

541-687-1431

**Poole-Larsen Funeral Home**

541-484-1435

**Aurora Cremation & Burial Services**

541-484-1435

**Rest-Haven Memorial Park**

541-345-8521

**All Cremation Services**

541-345-8521

**Musgrove Family Mortuary**

541-686-2818

### Springfield Area

**Major Family Funeral Home**

541-746-9667

**Springfield Memorial Gardens**

541-746-5311

**Andreason's Cremation & Burial**

541-485-6659

**Buell Chapel**

541-747-1266

**American Burial & Cremation Services**

541-485-6659

### Surrounding Areas

**Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel**

Cottage Grove, Oregon

541-942-0185

**England's Memorial Chapel**

Creswell, Oregon

541-895-2522

**Murphy-Musgrove**

Junction City, Oregon

541-998-2152

**Chapel of the Woods Funeral Home**

Oakridge, Oregon

541-782-4328

**Burn's Riverside Chapel**

Florence, Oregon

541-997-3416

## Cleaning Agencies:

**Service Master of Eugene**

Eugene, OR

(541) 687-0900

**Paul Davis Emergency Services**

Eugene, Oregon

1-888-473-7669

541-338-0111

**Critical Care BioRecovery**

Clackamas, OR

1-866-225-6744

503-698-4415

**Aftermath**

1-800-366-9923

**Servpro Cleaning Services**

1-888-533-6921