

**Chief State Medical Examiner
Office of the Chief State Medical Examiner, Trenton, New Jersey**

The NJ Office of the Chief State Medical Examiner (OCSME) is seeking an innovative and proven leader as its Chief State Medical Examiner at its Central Office located in Trenton, NJ.

The OCSME has two Regional Offices. The Southern Regional Medical Examiner Office (SRMEO) is in Woodbine, NJ, which provides services for three NJ Counties with a population of approx. 510,000, and a low homicide rate. The SRMEO is presently staffed by a Deputy Chief State ME, Associate/Assistant MEs, a compliment of per diem ME's and Medicolegal Death Investigators, and the services of a Forensic Anthropologist. The Northern Regional Medical Examiner Office (NRMEO) is in Newark, NJ and provides services for four NJ Counties with a population of approx. 2.4 million, and accounts for one third of autopsies conducted in the state. The office is presently staffed by a Deputy Chief State ME, Associate/Assistant ME's, a compliment of per diem ME's and Medicolegal Death Investigators, and the services of a Forensic Anthropologist. Onsite at our NMREO, is the NJ State Toxicology Laboratory that is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment, and Forensic Toxicologists are always available for consultation. The Office provides a wide variety of cases from both urban and rural settings in this idyllic and supportive environment.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Ensure adequate staffing of the Office of the Chief State Medical Examiner to support the OCSME in its role of administering and enforcing the provisions of the Revised State Medical Examiner Act.
- Ensure that the Office of the Chief State Medical Examiner, the Northern and Southern Regional offices, County Medical Examiner offices and the New Jersey State Medical Examiner Toxicology Laboratory achieve required goals, including investigative and autopsy standards and turnaround time. Oversee Law Enforcement Drug Testing section of the New Jersey State Toxicology Laboratory and serve as Medical Review Officer.
- Work with legal counsel to promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Revised State Medical Examiner Act.
- Oversee the ME database (Case Management System-CMS/UVIS), to ensure that system runs efficiently. Require county medical examiners to timely enter case information into the CMS and provide training on the proper use of the Case Management System.
- Participate in various committees as required by statute, to include the Child Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board and Domestic Violence Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board. Establish the Medical Examiner Review Team as required by statute to serve as a mechanism for peer review and collaboration and to provide recourse in the event of a dispute between medical examiners.
- Issue an annual report to be made publicly available, to include statistics of determined causes of death. Issue death related statistics as required.
- As necessary, intervene and assume control over any ongoing medico-legal death investigation taking place in the State, and provide testimony as required.
- Establish and maintain a forensic pathology fellowship program, encouraging collaboration between the State's educational institutions for the purposes of implementing the fellowship program.
- Ensure mass fatality preparedness protocols are routinely updated as necessary.

LICENSE AND CERTIFICATION: Appointee must be a physician licensed and in good standing in the State of New Jersey, and a graduate of a regularly chartered and legally constituted medical school or college, or osteopathic medical school or college. Certification in Anatomic and Forensic Pathology by the American Board of Pathology or by the American Osteopathic Board of Pathology is required.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: Education: Graduation from a medical school of recognized standing with formal post-graduate training in Anatomic and Forensic Pathology; and Experience: Such as may have been gained through a minimum of 5 years' experience in a responsible position involving practice in the field of Forensic Pathology, including a minimum of 3 years management experience.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Special Requirements: Must possess licensure to practice medicine in the State of New Jersey and certification by the American Board of Pathology in the field of Anatomic Pathology and Forensic Pathology at the time of appointment and must maintain such licensure and certification as a condition of employment.

In accordance with NJSA 52:14-7, the "New Jersey First Act", all employees must reside in the State Of New Jersey, unless exempted under the law. If you do not live in New Jersey, you have one year after your being employment to relocate your residence to New Jersey.

Authorization to work: selected candidates must be authorized to work in the United States according to the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Regulations. Note: The State of New Jersey does not provide sponsorships for citizenships to the United States."

SALARY:

The salary for this position is \$301,875. A special rate of \$1,053.46 is also available for working on holidays and weekends outside your normal schedule and a one-time lump sum payment in the amount of \$25,000 will be awarded to the incumbent after five (5) years of service at the OCSME.

A competitive benefits package includes:

- A one-time sign-on bonus of \$15,000 offered as an incentive upon starting employment.
- Annual vacation, sick and administrative leave as well as paid holidays.
- Medical, Prescription and Dental Coverage
- Retirement/Pension/Deferred Compensation Program and Flexible Spending Accounts
- Reimbursement of NAME Membership Dues/Conference Attendance

Interested applicants may electronically submit a cover letter, resume and completed application (<https://www.nj.gov/health/forms/dpf-663.pdf>) to PSTSME@doh.nj.gov The State of NJ is able to sponsor or take over sponsorship of an employment visa. Questions can be addressed to Jill Velez at Jill.Velez@doh.nj.gov or by telephone at 609-376-0565.

Applications will be accepted up through December 31, 2023.