Office of the
Chief Medical Examiner
City and County of San Francisco

Fiscal Year 2012-2013
Annual Report
Dear Reader,

This is the Annual Report of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. This is the tenth edition of the Office’s Annual Report, and incorporates cases investigated during the Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013 (includes decedent data who have died on June 30, 2012 and up to July 1, 2013).

The OCME provides forensic science services to the public and agencies of the City and County of San Francisco. These services include, but are not limited to the investigation of sudden, unexpected, and violent deaths, monitoring the health and healthcare provided within the community, and human performance drug screening.

In Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013, approximately 4432 deaths or 74% of all deaths occurring in the City and County of San Francisco were reported to the OCME. Of those deaths, 1213 or approximately 20% of all deaths with the City and County were investigated by the OCME.

The Forensic Laboratory Division of the OCME serves as the testing center for postmortem specimens from cases investigated by the OCME, as well as human performance testing in living individuals (public intoxication, driving under the influence, and drug-facilitated-sexual assaults). The Forensic Laboratory Division analyzed approximately 1955 total cases in Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013.

The aging physical plant was replaced and move-in was completed by the end of October 2017. This replacement facility has improved our day to day efficiency and increased the City’s resiliency in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.

Although our work is emotionally and physically challenging, we strive to offer compassionate assistance to families through times of great sorrow and stress, while completing investigations as neutral forensic scientists, producing results that are both accurate and complete.

Respectfully,

The Staff of the City & County of San Francisco
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
ACCIDENT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED HOMICIDE NATURAL SUICIDE

Autopsy 300 38 72 453 99
External Exam 97 2 147 7

FY 2012-2013 Exam Type by Manner of Death

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FY 2012-2013 Vehicular Death by Method

- PEDESTRIAN VS VEHICLE: 21 cases
- PEDESTRIAN VS MUNI LRV: 1 case
- PEDESTRIAN VS BART: 4 cases
- MOTORCYCLE COLLISION: 6 cases
- MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION: 13 cases
- DROVE INTO BAY WATERS: 1 case
- BOAT CAPSIZED: 1 case
The chart illustrates the number of firearms deaths over a 10-year period from 2003-2012. The categories represented are Homicide, Suicide, and Accident. Homicide deaths are shown in blue, Suicide in red, and Accident in green. 

- Homicide: 65, 62, 79, 81, 81, 51, 28, 40, 43, 44
- Suicide: 18, 11, 17, 23, 12, 19, 16, 20, 23, 16
- Accident: 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 1

The chart shows a slight decline in Homicide deaths after 2008, with Suicide deaths remaining relatively stable. Accidents are the least frequent category.
FY 2012-2013 Firearm Death by Manner & Method

- **SUICIDE:**
  - SHOT SELF: 16 cases

- **HOMICIDE:**
  - SHOT BY ANOTHER: 43 cases

- **ACCIDENT:**
  - SHOT SELF: 1 case
FY 2012-2013 Suicide by Method

- **HANGED SELF**: 30 cases
- **SHOT SELF**: 16 cases
- **JUMP FROM GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE**: 4 cases
- **INHALATION**: 2 cases
- **SHARP INJURIES**: 2 cases
- **PEDESTRIAN VS MUNI LRV**: 1 case
- **PEDESTRIAN VS BART**: 3 cases
- **PEDESTRIAN VS VEHICLE**: 2 cases
- **PEDESTRIAN VS BART**: 2 cases
- **JUMP FROM BAY BRIDGE**: 2 cases
- **DROWNED SELF**: 2 cases
- **ASPHYXIA**: 5 cases
- **THERMAL INJURIES**: 2 cases
- **JUMP FROM FREeway**: 1 case
- **JUMP FROM BUILDING**: 11 cases
FY 12-13 Natural, Undetermined, and Accidental child deaths