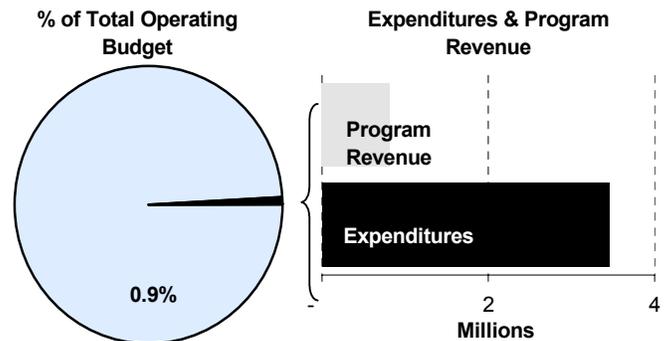
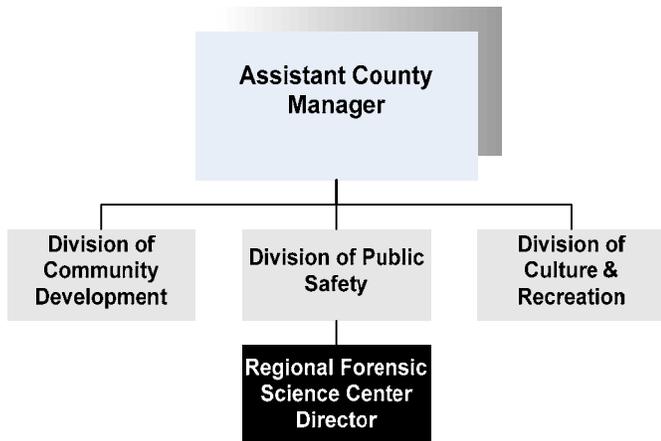




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Mission:

- To promote the health and public safety of the residents of Sedgwick County and surrounding communities and to support the criminal justice system by providing quality medico-legal and forensic laboratory services.



Program Information

The Regional Forensic Science Center officially opened on December 21, 1995 to promote the health and public safety of the residents of Sedgwick County and surrounding communities, to support the criminal justice systems, and to promote professionalism in the field of forensic science. The Center houses the Office of the District Coroner and the Forensic Science Center Laboratories.

The Forensic Science Center is a regional facility. The Center provides autopsy services to over 50 counties in Kansas for a recovery fee. The Forensic Laboratories, in addition to supporting the autopsy service, also provide services to other counties for a fee; however, over 90% of laboratory services are provided for Sedgwick County law enforcement agencies.

Under the guidance of nationally recognized scientists, the Center provides timely reports, cost effective analyses and expert testimony. The staff includes forensic pathologists, experienced forensic investigators, autopsy technicians, and forensic scientists as well as clerical and administrative staff.

Additionally, professional staff is frequently called upon to present expert testimony in the courts; in 2007 staff received 3,258 subpoenas for court appearances.

The Forensic Science Laboratories provides expert testing services and consultation for a variety of law enforcement agencies within and outside of Sedgwick County. In 2006, the laboratories provided expert testing services to 144 Law Enforcement Agencies, Fire Departments and Coroners.

Departmental Sustainability Initiatives

Equity, both within the organization and outside the organization, is of utmost importance to the Regional Forensic Science Center. External equity is maintained as staff treats each case that it comes into contact with the same. There is no special treatment afforded in any situation. Internal equity is maintained by providing the professional and technical staff similar continuing education opportunities as well as equitable salary for duties performed and expertise obtained.

Financial viability of the organization is solidified by implementing policies and procedures that encourage staff retention. Successful staff retention avoids significant costs associated with the training of new employees as well as the intangible loss of vital institutional knowledge. Current staff members identified for succession within the organization are being mentored to assume the appropriate position when it becomes available. Operational efficiencies such as batch process assists in lowering unit cost per test. Jurisdictions requesting services from the Center are also billed for the cost of providing the service to prevent utilizing funding for Sedgwick County forensic science needs for other jurisdictions.

When possible, the Center employs tactics that will lower the environmental impact of services provided. One recent change moved all photography at the center from 35 mm to digital photography. Additionally, the center hopes to soon move x-ray services to digital as well.

Department Accomplishments

The Regional Forensic Science Center maintains accreditations from both the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors – Lab Accreditation Board and the National Association of Medical Examiners.

The Center secured Coverdell Grants that will allow for the acquisition of equipment. The grant is designed to replace out-dated instruments and/or provide additional equipment capacity. The grant, awarded in 2008, will provide \$40,224 in funding with no local match required.

The Center had successfully managed increasing loads in several areas. Forensic Biology/DNA Case Submissions exceeded 350 in 2007 which was almost 100 additional cases from 2006. Autopsies increased from 696 in 2006 to 765 in 2007.

Budget Adjustments

Increases in the 2009 Budget reflect the conversion of a part-time pathologist to full-time at a cost of \$81,347 and the addition of a Quality Assurance Manager at a cost of \$69,391. Additionally, promotions within the Center structure were approved for funding at a cost of \$13,315.

Alignment with County Values

- **Accountability -**
Provide accurate analysis of forensic evidence to aid in prosecution of criminal activity
- **Commitment -**
Maintain cutting-edge forensic technologies and practices
- **Open Communication -**
Promote communication between law enforcement and prosecutorial staff for proper handling of forensic evidence

Goals & Initiatives

- **Provide timely and accurate medico-legal investigation of death**
- **Provide timely and accurate forensic laboratory analyses and reports**
- **Maintain cutting-edge forensic technologies**

Awards & Accreditations

- **Maintains annual accreditation by National Association of Medical Examiners and the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors – Lab Accreditation Board**

Budget Adjustments From Previous Fiscal Year

	Expenditures	Revenue	FTEs
- Promotions for Forensic Scientists	13,315		
- Addition of 1.0 FTE Quality Assurance Manager	69,391		1.00
- Convert Part-Time Pathologist to Full-Time	81,347		0.50
Total	164,053	-	1.50

Budget Summary by Category

Budget Summary by Fund

Expenditures	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.	Expenditures	2008	2009
	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09		Revised	Budget
Personnel	2,065,614	2,420,059	2,346,258	2,698,324	15.0%	General Fund	3,045,341	3,396,985
Contractual Services	484,940	410,450	440,700	443,100	0.5%	Coroner - Grants	84,462	60,619
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	JAG Grants	51,000	-
Commodities	266,200	270,731	313,685	258,274	-17.7%			
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-			
Capital Equipment	243,483	-	80,160	57,906	-27.8%			
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-			
Total Expenditures	3,060,237	3,101,240	3,180,803	3,457,604	8.7%	Total Expenditures	3,180,803	3,457,604
Revenue								
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-			
Intergovernmental	166,116	79,741	202,855	110,626	-45.5%			
Charges For Service	626,435	669,199	669,199	692,239	3.4%			
Other Revenue	8,844	39,262	39,262	11,744	-70.1%			
Total Revenue	801,395	788,202	911,316	814,609	-10.6%			
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	34.50	35.50	34.50	36.00	4.3%			

Budget Summary by Program

Program	Fund	Expenditures				2009 Budget	% Chg. 08-09	Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)		
		2007 Actual	2008 Adopted	2008 Revised	2008 Adopted			2008 Revised	2009 Budget	
RFSC Administration	110	173,282	201,149	157,598	191,600	21.6%	1.80	1.50	1.50	
Bio/DNA Laboratory	110	402,708	453,208	453,208	441,522	-2.6%	4.40	4.30	4.30	
Lab Management	110	197,135	232,817	232,817	305,233	31.1%	3.60	3.50	4.50	
Toxicology	110	442,392	489,908	489,908	477,079	-2.6%	4.65	4.05	4.05	
Criminalistics Laboratory	110	512,844	559,791	559,791	565,134	1.0%	7.30	7.20	7.20	
Autopsy	110	623,529	655,728	655,728	877,451	33.8%	7.00	7.30	7.70	
Pathology Management	110	108,775	141,936	141,936	183,808	29.5%	0.95	0.95	1.05	
Investigation	110	316,422	354,355	354,355	355,158	0.2%	5.30	5.20	5.20	
Photo Grant	256	6,977	12,348	12,348	2,713	-78.0%	0.50	0.50	0.50	
RFSC other grants	Mult.	276,174	-	123,114	57,906	-53.0%	-	-	-	
Total		3,060,237	3,101,240	3,180,803	3,457,604	8.7%	35.50	34.50	36.00	



● **RFSC Administration**

Forensic Administration provides operational support for the Forensic Science Center. Administrative staff provide clerical support for pathology and laboratory services, transcription of autopsy reports, facility maintenance and security, procurement of goods and services, revenue collection, safety program monitoring, administration of grants and contracts, and serves as department liaison to other County departments and law enforcement agencies.

Fund(s): General Fund 110

15001-110

	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.
	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09
Expenditures					
Personnel	133,385	162,379	118,828	156,400	31.6%
Contractual Services	26,439	30,770	30,770	27,200	-11.6%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	6,211	8,000	8,000	8,000	0.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	7,247	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	173,282	201,149	157,598	191,600	21.6%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	1.50	1.80	1.50	1.50	0.0%

Goal(s):

- Expedite requests for the procurement of goods and services in a timely manner
- Respond to record requests and document production orders in a timely

● **Bio/DNA Laboratory**

Biology/DNA Laboratory performs scientific analysis to detect and identify various biological fluids. The Laboratory develops DNA profiles and maintains the local DNA database and searches the national DNA database (CODIS). This analysis aids in the identification or elimination of suspects in criminal investigations.

Fund(s): General Fund 110

15002-110

	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.
	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09
Expenditures					
Personnel	295,297	311,088	311,088	324,572	4.3%
Contractual Services	37,028	50,120	50,120	38,950	-22.3%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	70,383	92,000	92,000	78,000	-15.2%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	402,708	453,208	453,208	441,522	-2.6%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	16,391	16,391	-	-100.0%
Charges For Service	210	6,139	6,139	223	-96.4%
Other Revenue	30	-	-	32	-
Total Revenue	240	22,530	22,530	255	-98.9%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	4.30	4.40	4.30	4.30	0.0%

Goal(s):

- Provide exceptional customer relations by delivering quality forensic DNA results in a timely manner
- Provide positive identification of decedents when traditional methods fail
- Provide professional interpretation of DNA results and courtroom testimony in criminal matters



● Lab Management

Laboratory Management provides managerial oversight and technical direction to the forensic laboratories and evidence receiving activities. This section is responsible for Forensic Laboratory quality assurance programs, and continuing education and training of the scientific staff. The laboratory staff provides training and support for Sedgwick County law enforcement and other agencies that submit evidence for examination.

Fund(s): General Fund 110

15003-110

	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.
	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09
Expenditures					
Personnel	155,410	184,597	184,597	259,333	40.5%
Contractual Services	26,221	31,720	31,720	28,900	-8.9%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	15,504	16,500	16,500	17,000	3.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	197,135	232,817	232,817	305,233	31.1%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	129,249	150,395	150,395	143,183	-4.8%
Other Revenue	8,552	-	-	8,726	-
Total Revenue	137,802	150,395	150,395	151,909	1.0%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	3.50	3.60	3.50	4.50	28.6%

Goal(s):

- Provide education and training activities to assure affiliate agencies are informed and educated in forensic laboratory activities
- Maintain the highest level of quality in forensic test results
- Interact with local criminal justice systems to facilitate in the adjudication of criminal offenders and respond to all subpoenas

● Toxicology

The Toxicology Laboratory supports the District Coroner and local law enforcement. It provides complete postmortem studies, drug testing in sexual assault cases, and alcohol and drug testing in driving under the influence (DUI) cases.

Fund(s): General Fund 110

15004-110

	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.
	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09
Expenditures					
Personnel	261,623	305,768	305,768	292,279	-4.4%
Contractual Services	84,968	79,140	79,140	84,800	7.2%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	95,801	105,000	105,000	100,000	-4.8%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	442,392	489,908	489,908	477,079	-2.6%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	55,840	68,786	68,786	59,252	-13.9%
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	55,840	68,786	68,786	59,252	-13.9%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	4.05	4.65	4.05	4.05	0.0%

Goal(s):

- Provide exceptional customer service relations by delivering quality analytical results in a timely manner
- Provide professional interpretation of toxicological results and expert testimony in court



• Criminalistics Laboratory

The Criminalistics Laboratory performs physical and/or chemical analysis of evidence collected by law enforcement from crime scenes. The types of casework encompass illicit drug identification, firearms, trace evidence, arson/fire debris, and open containers of alcohol.

Fund(s): General Fund 110

15005-110

	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.
	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09
Expenditures					
Personnel	452,156	490,771	490,771	501,184	2.1%
Contractual Services	39,513	48,020	48,020	41,950	-12.6%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	19,594	21,000	21,000	22,000	4.8%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	1,582	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	512,844	559,791	559,791	565,134	1.0%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	1,725	2,059	2,059	1,830	-11.1%
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	1,725	2,059	2,059	1,830	-11.1%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	7.20	7.30	7.20	7.20	0.0%

Goal(s):

- Provide exceptional customer relations by delivering quality analytical results in a timely manner
- Provide professional testimony in court

• Autopsy

Forensic Pathology services are provided by two Board Certified Forensic Pathologists, one part-time Forensic Pathologist and technicians who perform autopsies and external examinations necessary for the determination of cause and manner of death.

Fund(s): General Fund 110

15006-110

	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.
	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09
Expenditures					
Personnel	379,777	505,388	475,388	674,777	41.9%
Contractual Services	214,601	126,340	156,340	175,400	12.2%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	29,151	24,000	24,000	27,274	13.6%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	623,529	655,728	655,728	877,451	33.8%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	50,673	63,350	63,350	52,720	-16.8%
Charges For Service	439,410	441,820	441,820	487,752	10.4%
Other Revenue	31	-	-	32	-
Total Revenue	490,114	505,170	505,170	540,504	7.0%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	7.30	7.00	7.30	7.70	5.5%

Goal(s):

- Provide complete and integrated forensic pathology services for Sedgwick County and surrounding communities
- Provide accurate reporting of cause and manner of death through the timely completion of autopsy reports and death certificates



• Pathology Management

Pathology Management provides managerial and technical oversight for the autopsy activities and medical investigations at the Forensic Science Center and processing of cremation requests.

Fund(s): General Fund 110

15007-110

	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.
	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09
Expenditures					
Personnel	88,752	116,816	116,816	157,758	35.0%
Contractual Services	19,314	24,120	24,120	25,050	3.9%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	709	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	108,775	141,936	141,936	183,808	29.5%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	232	-	-	241	-
Total Revenue	232	-	-	241	-
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	0.95	0.95	0.95	1.05	10.5%

Goal(s):

- Provide educational training to assure affiliate agencies are informed and educated in forensic pathology activities
- Maintain relationship with the procurement organizations to enhance organ and tissue donation.
- Interact with law enforcement and the local criminal justice system to facilitate in adjudication of criminal offenders

• Investigation

Forensic Medical Investigations responds to all deaths reported to the Coroner Division, and conducts a thorough and timely investigation of each to aid in the determination of cause and manner of death. Medical Investigations assists with the identification of decedents, and expends considerable time and effort in searching background information by contacting multiple agencies and individuals in attempts to locate next-of-kin or other responsible parties to mitigate the cost of indigent burials.

Fund(s): General Fund 110

15008-110

	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.
	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09
Expenditures					
Personnel	292,469	330,904	330,904	329,308	-0.5%
Contractual Services	18,304	20,220	20,220	20,850	3.1%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	5,649	3,231	3,231	5,000	54.8%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	316,422	354,355	354,355	355,158	0.2%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	5.20	5.30	5.20	5.20	0.0%

Goal(s):

- Rapidly respond to reports of death in Sedgwick County
- Provide timely information to examining pathologist on coroner cases
- Compile medical and law enforcement records in a timely manner



• Photo Grant

The Forensic Science Center receives grant funding from the Midwest Transplant Network and the Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation to support staff in performing autopsy photos and serves as a liaison to the organ/tissue procurement agencies.

Fund(s): Coroner - Grants 256

15002-256

	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.
	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09
Expenditures					
Personnel	6,745	12,348	12,098	2,713	-77.6%
Contractual Services	232	-	250	-	-100.0%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	
Commodities	-	-	-	-	
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	6,977	12,348	12,348	2,713	-78.0%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	
Other Revenue	-	39,262	39,262	2,713	-93.1%
Total Revenue	-	39,262	39,262	2,713	-93.1%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.0%

Goal(s):

- Provide timely and thorough photographic documentation of post mortem examinations

• RFSC other grants

Each year, the Regional Forensic Science Center receives a variety of grants from various entities in the state, primarily for the acquisition of forensic equipment. These grants include Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement and Justice Assistance Grants (JAG). These grants are utilized to supplement professional/ technical staff training and equipment acquisition to enhance capacity and/ or capability.

Fund(s): Coroner - Grants 256/Law Enforce - Grants 261

	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.
	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09
Expenditures					
Personnel	-	-	-	-	
Contractual Services	18,320	-	-	-	
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	
Commodities	23,200	-	42,954	-	-100.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	
Capital Equipment	234,654	-	80,160	57,906	-27.8%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	276,174	-	123,114	57,906	-53.0%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental	115,443	-	123,114	57,906	-53.0%
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	
Total Revenue	115,443	-	123,114	57,906	-53.0%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	-	-	-	-	

Goal(s):

- To use grants in appropriate manner as designated by the grant-funding agency