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Cumberland County Coroner and Deputies Complete National Training Program

Cumberland County, PA – Cumberland County Coroner Charley Hall announced today that he and Chief Deputy Coroner Matt Stoner and Deputy Coroner Jeff Miller have completed the Medicolegal Death Investigation Training Course. This nationally recognized program is offered at St. Louis University through the Department of Pathology.

The objective of this course is to “provide the medicolegal death investigator with the necessary knowledge and technical skills to perform competent medicolegal death investigations. Investigators learn the proper way to disseminate information to forensic scientists and law enforcement personnel so that a coordinated, efficient and complete death investigation can be achieved.” This is done through scientific, systematic and thorough death scene investigations. Upon completing the course, the three individuals also completed and passed the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators Basic Certification exam. The passing of this test illustrates that all possess “basic knowledge and demonstrated proficiency in the standards of practice necessary to properly conduct a competent, thorough medicolegal death investigation.”

Coroner Hall plans to require all deputies within his office to complete this important course and the testing process. It is the mission of the Cumberland County Coroner’s Office to investigate sudden, unexplained, violent, or suspicious deaths occurring in the County to determine: cause of death, manner of death, whether criminal activity was involved and to provide timely information regarding findings to the family of the deceased and investigating agencies. For more information on this department visit www.ccpa.net/coroner. For more information on the training program visit <http://medschool.slu.edu/mldi/>.

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