



**TIOGA COUNTY
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**Tioga County Coroner's Office
Annual Report 2023**

The Coroner's Office is located at 1062 State Route 38B in Owego, New York at the Health and Human Complex. The Coroner's Office is manned twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week by an on-call system through the Tioga County 911 system.

The Tioga County Coroner's Office consists of four elected Coroners. The coroners in office in 2023 were Administrative Coroner W. Stewart Bennett, and Coroners Robert Williams, Ryan Kline and Keith Lewis.

Drug deaths continue to be an issue in the county. In 2023, there were 11 cases. Historically, drug deaths have been as follows: 2017(11), 2018(8), 2019(14), 2020(15), 2021(7), 2022(6).

In 2023, the Tioga County Coroner's Office saw a decrease in overall cases compared to 2022. The Office handled 122 cases; most of the cases were assigned through the 911 call center. Autopsies were completed on 61 cases, most were completed by Dr. Robert Stoppacher, the medical examiner the county contracts with, the remainder of the cases were signed by an attending physician.

The cases were handled as follows:

Robert Williams	46
Ryan Kline	25
Keith Lewis	3
W. Stewart Bennett	48

The 122 cases were ruled by the attending Coroner as follows:

Natural Causes	87
Accidental	22
Undetermined	2
Pending	2
Suicide	8
Homicide	1

2023 Coroner Cases by Town

Barton	35
Berkshire	2
Candor	9
Newark Valley	13
Nichols	5
Owego	46
Richford	3
Spencer	5
Tioga	4

This yearly report is based on information provided to the Administrative Coroner as of December 31, 2023

Yearly Comparison:

2009	37
2010	62
2011	76
2012	82
2013	62
2014	85
2015	83
2016	88
2017	92
2018	87
2019	119
2020	128
2021	116
2022	151
2023	122

Respectfully Submitted,

W. Stewart Bennett
Administrative Coroner
Tioga County, NY
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