

# Charleston County Government

## Charleston County Coroner

Located in beautiful Charleston County South Carolina. The first Coroner in the colonies was located in Charleston South Carolina. The first Coroner of South Carolina was appointed by the King of England, and until 1706, the only Coroner in the colony lived in Charleston.

Beginning in 1785 the Justices of the County Court selected the states Coroners, who were commissioned by the Governor for two-year terms. Since 1868, and in accordance with the S.C. Constitution, each of the state's 46 counties have elected a Coroner to four-year terms.



Join Charleston County and live and work in one of the  
Top cities in the entire U.S.

**The Charleston County Coroner's  
Office is actively recruiting:**

**Forensic Pathologist**  
**\$275,000 Annual Salary**

Must be Board Certified in Forensic Pathology

Consideration will be given for AP/FP Board Eligible Candidates



## Benefits

Charleston County Government offers excellent compensation and a comprehensive benefit package. Designed to provide employees and their families with a wide range of benefit options

- Health, Dental, and Vision Insurance
- State Retirement Plan (SCRS)
- Police Officer Retirement Plan( PORS)
- Life and Disability Insurance Benefits
- Longevity and Merit Pay Increases
- Annual and Sick Leave
- 14 Paid Holidays
- Medical and Dependent Care Spending Account
- Health Care Savings Account

- Employee Assistance Program
- Fitness Centers at Various County Buildings

### Additional Benefits

- Paid South Carolina medical license, membership & subscriptions to the following: IACME, NAME, CAP, AAFS, SCMA
- Generous paid conference opportunities to meet CME requirements

## ABOUT THE POSITION

The primary responsibility of the Forensic Pathologist will be to assist the Coroner with carrying out the statutory functions related to the office. This includes investigating unattended, unexpected or violent deaths within Charleston County.

The investigation includes examining bodies to determine the cause and manner of death using various sources of information, as well as performing an autopsy.

The Forensic Pathologist will determine the cause of all violent, sudden, accidental, traumatic or unusual deaths, unattended deaths, deaths in which a criminal act is suspected and other deaths as outlined in South Carolina statutes.

Preserving any objects or personal property related to deaths, including medication, suicide notes, DNA evidence, fingerprints, trace evidence fibers and other related objects, falls to the Forensic Pathologist and Forensic staff.

## CHARLESTON COUNTY—An Exceptional Opportunity



## ABOUT THE CANDIDATE

The ideal candidate must be a licensed physician in the State of South Carolina and at a minimum, board eligible in Forensic Pathology. Candidates who are certified by the American Board of Pathology in anatomic pathology are preferred however consideration will be given to candidates who are board eligible in AP & FP and will be successfully boarded in both within 2 years.

A comprehensive knowledge of anatomy, pathology, anthropology, and other related disciplines for identification and investigative purposes is required. The candidate must be skilled in performing autopsies, external examinations, providing medical record review and expert testimony. The candidate must also be able to communicate effectively in stressful emergencies or crisis situations and interact with people in a sensitive manner.

The candidate will participate in peer review, Child Death Reviews, Opioid Fatality Reviews, and other death reviews hosted by the Coroner. The candidate will also need to be available for death investigation consultation regarding case handling. Forensic autopsies and examinations are conducted on weekdays, with occasional weekend or holiday coverage depending on caseload. The caseload will be based on NAME guidelines.

## Desirable Candidate

The Coroner's Office desires a candidate who can communicate effectively and compassionately, is a knowledgeable worker, customer-focused, and values/respects others. The candidate should also be driven to excel and enjoy teamwork / collaboration. They must value continuous education, demonstrate ethical behavior, and be supportive of change.





## ABOUT THE CHARLESTON COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

### ***Our Mission :***

***"We will conduct medicolegal death investigations in an independent, compassionate and professional manner to determine the full truth of the circumstances surrounding a death while serving as a representative of the decedents and an advocate to the survivors."***

The Charleston County Coroner's Office is located in beautiful Charleston, South Carolina. It has a staff of 21 employees, and supports one of the largest counties in the state of South Carolina. The department is constructed of the Coroner, Chief Deputy Coroner, Medicolegal Death Investigators (12), Autopsy Technicians (3), Forensic Evidence Technician (1), Paralegal (1), Special Opioid Investigator/ Epidemiologist (1), Administrative Staff (2), Forensic Apprentices (2), contracted Anthropologist (1), contracted Odontologist (1), contracted Forensic Pathologist (2).

The Coroner's Office is legally responsible under Title 17, of the South Carolina Code to conduct an investigation into the events leading up to the cause and manner of a person's death. The Coroner may authorize an autopsy or forensic examination to be performed by the Forensic Pathologist to aid in accurately and scientifically determining the cause and manner of death. The Coroner's Office is also responsible for preparing a written report of the factual information gathered during the course of the investigation.

The Coroner's Office works in cooperation with several law enforcement agencies in Charleston County to include; South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, FBI, Charleston City Police Department, North Charleston Police Department, Mount Pleasant Police Department, Sullivan's Island Police Department, Folly Beach Police Department, Isle of Palms Police Department and Charleston County Sheriff's Office.

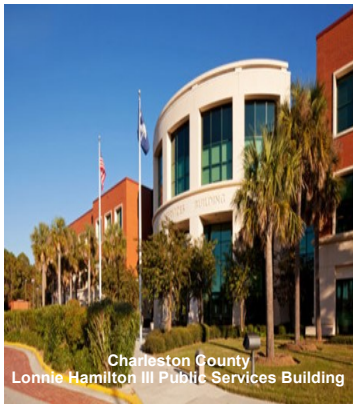
The Charleston County Coroner's Office also provides Forensic Pathology services for several counties throughout South Carolina.

• **The Charleston County Coroner's Office is nationally accredited by the International Association of Coroners & Medical Examiners (IACME)**



- 3,000 cases investigated per year, with 500+ forensic autopsies.
- State of the art facility.
- Capital expansion in the near future to include Lodox and CT scan.

**For more information visit:** <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/coroner/index.php>



## ABOUT CHARLESTON COUNTY

Charleston County is located along the southeastern coast of South Carolina. The county encompasses approximately 919 square miles of land, marshes, rivers and wetlands, with a coastline that stretches nearly 100 miles along the Atlantic Ocean. Charleston County contains vital protected areas, including the Francis Marion National Forest, Cape Roman National Wildlife Refuge and the ACE Basin National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Charleston County's population has grown over the past decade to an estimated population of 420,000 with a median age of 37. The labor force consists of around 286,000 workers, with a per capita income of approximately \$66,656. Around 91.7 percent of Charleston County residents have a high school degree or higher level of education, while 43.6 percent hold a bachelor's degree or higher.

Charleston County has a wide range of industries, including shipping, tourism and manufacturing. The top employers in the county are: the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), Charleston Air Force Base, Charleston County School District, Roper St. Francis Healthcare, Boeing, Charleston County Government, the City of Charleston, Trident Health Systems, and Force Protection, Inc.

Charleston County also includes the following 15 municipalities: The City of Charleston; City of Folly Beach; City of Isle of Palms; City of North Charleston; Town of Awendaw; Town of Hollywood; Town of James Island; Town of Kiawah Island; Town of Lincolnton; Town of McClellanville; Town of Meggett; Town of Mount Pleasant; Town of Rockville; Town of Seabrook Island and Town of Sullivan's Island.

## Why You Should Come Work With Us

Charleston County's rich blend of culture, economic activity, environmental beauty and historic tapestry makes it one of the most distinguished counties in the nation. As a recognized leader, Charleston County is a proud community that strives to protect both its historic treasures and its environment, while still keeping an eye toward future development and its citizens' needs.

Charleston's numerous advantages have not gone unnoticed. The Partners for Livable Communities, a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit foundation, included Charleston in its top ten "most livable places" in the United States. Furthermore, Conde Nast Traveler, the world's leading travel magazine, named Charleston among its top five recommended American cities and top twenty cities worldwide.

## HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates must complete an online application at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/charlestoncounty> and submit the required documents:

- ☐ Resume
- ☐ Letter of Interest

Review of applicants will begin immediately and continue until this position is filled

For questions, please contact Bobbi Jo O'Neal at 843-746-4030 or via email at [boneal@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:boneal@charlestoncounty.org)



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