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Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Briefing

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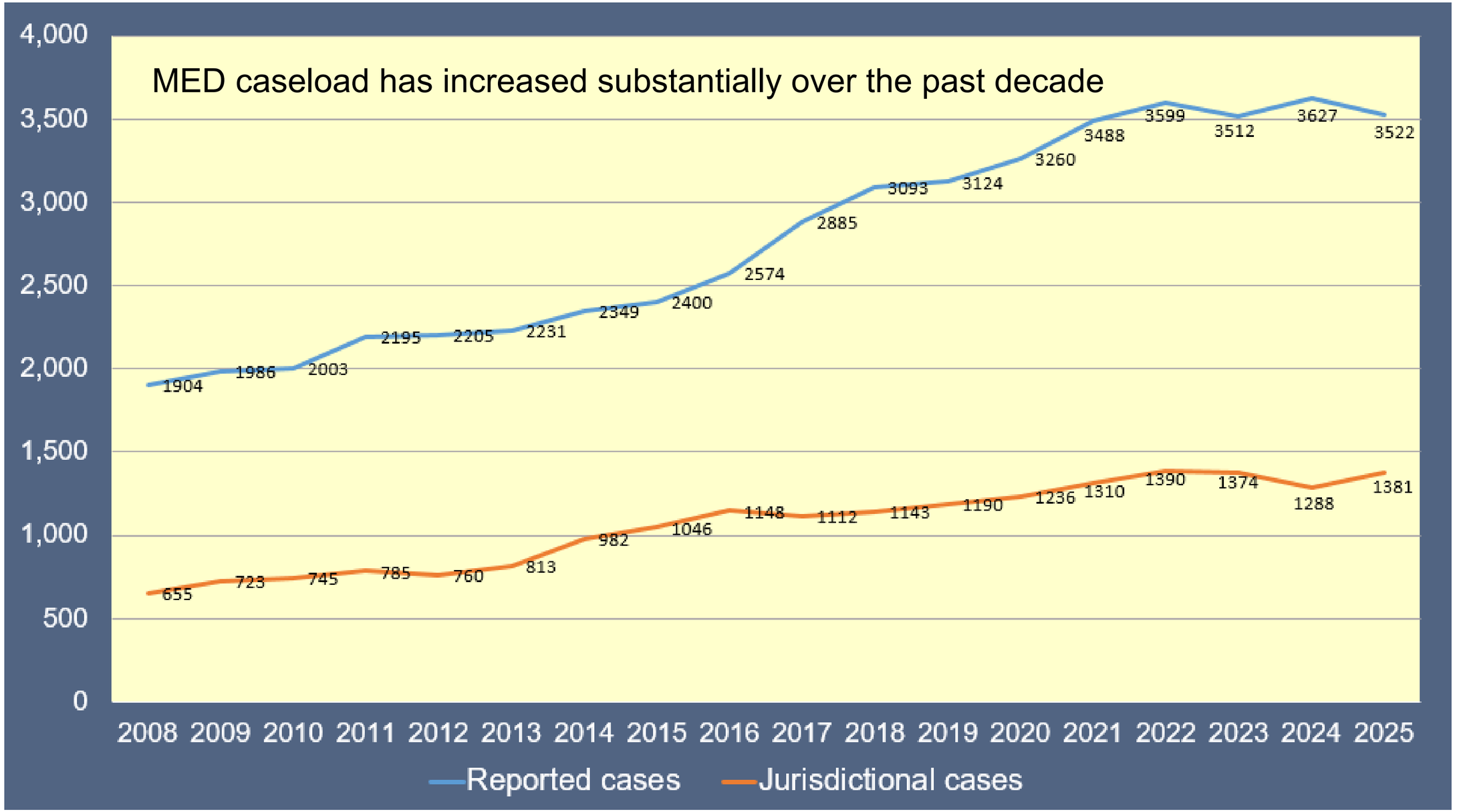
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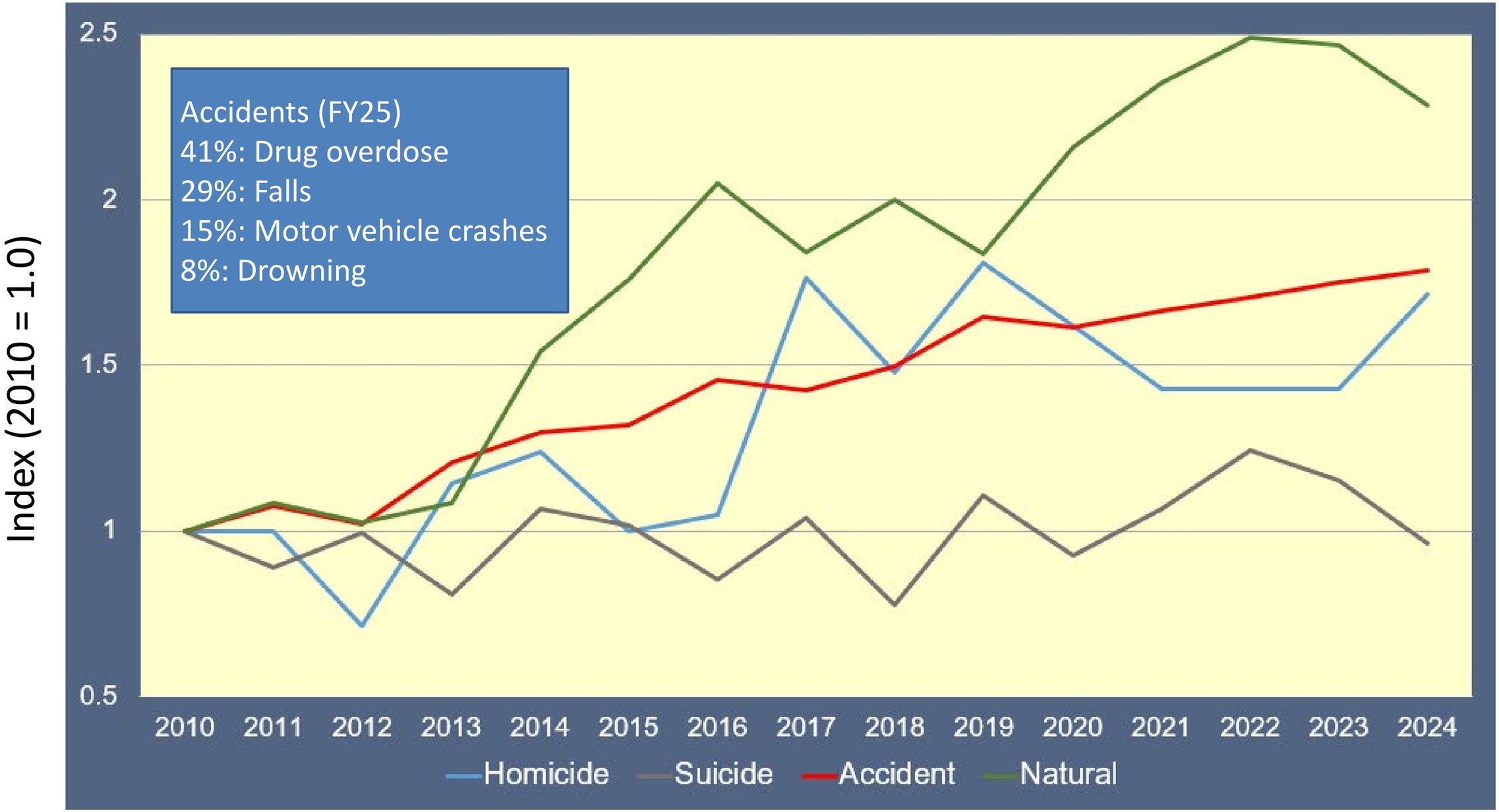
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MED Caseload



MED Caseload by Manner of Death



Department of the Medical Examiner – FY27 Operating Budget

	FY26 Appropriated	FY27 Budgeted	$ Change	% Change
Salaries	$3,805,780	$4,214,658	+$408,878	+11%
Current Expenses	$1,446,591	$1,613,555	+$166,964	+12%
Equipment	$97,710	$158,520	+$60,810	+62%
Total	**$5,350,081**	**$5,986,733**	**+$636,652**	**+12%**

Department of the Medical Examiner – FY27 Budget Issues

1

Recent Reorganization Efforts - $136,308

- Autopsy Technician IV - $72,012
- Private Secretary I for Deputy Medical Examiner - $64,296

2

Relocation of Temporary Morgue Site - $50,000

- Transportation of refrigerated trailers for decedent storage for mass fatality incidents

3

MED Home Deaths Investigation Initiative - $170,100

- Three (3) Medicolegal Investigator I positions
- Details on next slide

Home Death Investigation Initiative

- Currently, MED is not involved in approximately half of home deaths

- Initiative - MED investigators will respond to all home deaths
  - Additional 550+ scene responses annually
  - Three additional Medicolegal Investigators are required

- Ensure immediate MED jurisdiction for:
  - Suspicious deaths
  - Trauma
  - Drug-related
  - Decomposition
  - Unclear circumstances

Department of the Medical Examiner – FY27 Vacancies

Vacancies	
Vacant positions as of 2/1/26:	8
Positions filled since 2/1/26:	3
Positions vacated since 2/1/26:	0
Total vacancies as of 3/9/26:	5
Offers accepted as of 3/9/26:	4
Recruiting as of 3/9/26:	1
To be filled by 6/30/26:	5
To be filled in FY 2027:	0

Department of the Medical Examiner – FY27 Overtime

Activity: Investigation of Deaths

Fund	Non-Holiday OT (1102)		Holiday OT (1107)	
	Est. Hrs.	Budget	Est. Hrs.	Budget
110- General Fund	1089	$90,600	362	$30,000
Total Overtime: $120,600				

Department of the Medical Examiner – FY27 Revenue Estimates

Source of Receipts	FY26 Estimated	FY27 Estimated	$ Change	% Change
7013- Medical Examiner's Report	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$0	0%

FEDERAL FUNDS

No federal funds are included in the FY27 budget

MED has been using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) “Overdose Data to Action (OD2A)” grant distributed by State Department of Health ($155,388/year, ending August 2026)

MED FY27 Operating Budget Request

Questions?

Mahalo!