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Deiter Duff, MD, named Greene County Medical Examiner

Greene County welcomes Deiter Duff, MD, who will take over the as the County's new medical examiner beginning December 26.

Duff graduated summa cum laude from the University of Missouri School of Medicine, where he also completed an anatomic pathology residency. He then completed a forensic pathology fellowship at St. Louis University and is board certified in anatomic pathology and forensic pathology. He has served as an assistant medical examiner for the St. Louis City Medical Examiner's Office and most recently as a medical examiner for Boone and Callaway counties in Missouri.

As the Greene County Medical Examiner, Duff will conduct autopsies and external examinations referred to the office based on criteria established in Missouri statute, such as deaths involving drugs or alcohol, unusual or suspicious deaths, homicides, suicides and deaths related to diseases that could constitute a threat to public health. He will determine the need for an autopsy based on the information received through initial investigation. An autopsy is not done on every case.

On average, the Greene County Medical Examiner's Office performs 200 autopsies a year. The approximately 7,700-square-foot Greene County morgue facility was completed in June 2014 with funds from Recovery Zone Bonds and Build America Bonds.

Duff assumes the position that had been filled through a contract with Dr. Keith Norton and his team at Forensic Associates.

Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving more than 275,000 people (2010 census). Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

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