

**Information from  
the  
Park County  
Coroner's  
Office**



**David E. Kintz Jr**

**Coroner**

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**[www.parkcountyco.gov/coroner](http://www.parkcountyco.gov/coroner)**

**[County.coroner@parkcountyco.gov](mailto:County.coroner@parkcountyco.gov)**

**Helpful Phone Numbers: Park**

**County Dispatch 719-836-4121**

**Ext. 5**

**Colorado State Patrol Dispatch 719-**

**544-2424**

**District Attorney's Office**

**719-836-2080**

**Park County Senior Coalition 719-**

**836-4295**

**Colorado Crisis Line 844-**

**493-8255**

**Park County Vital Statistics 719-**

**836-4162**

**Park County Human Services 719-**

**836-4139**

**Park County Coroner's Office Hours**

**By appointment only 911**

**Clark St**

**Fairplay, CO 80440**

***How can I recover***

***Personal Possessions?***

The legal next-of-kin may claim any personal possessions in the custody of the Coroner. Please call to arrange an appointment to claim items.

***Will I be Charged for***

***Coroner Services?***

You will not be charged for services ordered by the Coroner.

***Where can I obtain***

***Death Certificates?***

The Park County Public Health Office issues Death Certificates. You may have your funeral Director order them for you or you may order them yourself. The cost is \$20 for the first copy and \$13 for each additional copy. You can call the Vitals Office or visit the county website for more information.

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*Please call the Park County Coroner's Office if you need any further assistance or need any questions answered. We are committed to helping you through this difficult time.*

### ***What should I do Now?***

Selecting a funeral home as soon as possible after a loved one dies is important for a family to do. The Funeral Director will help you with many of the next steps. Just tell them to contact the Park County Coroner and we will coordinate from there.

### ***If there are No Funds for Burial, what can I do?***

If the deceased does not have sufficient funds for burial, the next-of-kin may apply for county disposition. The Human Services number is 719-836-4139.

### ***When will the Coroner Release my Loved One?***

Coroner staff will inform you as soon as possible when your loved one will be released. Generally, this will take no more the 2-3 days and many times less.

### ***Will Autopsy and Coroner Reports be Available?***

Yes. Complete the Autopsy request form on the Park County Coroner website. If you do not have internet accessibility, contact the Coroner via phone. Autopsy reports can take as long as 8 weeks to be finalized.

The staff of the Park County Coroner's Office is here to help you deal with questions that may arise during this difficult time, please read this brochure. If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to call us at 719-836-4340.

Who is the Coroner/Deputy Coroner on scene?

David E Kintz Jr—Coroner

Don Comstock— Chief Deputy Coroner

Bonnie Guzman—Deputy Coroner

Bill Landon —Deputy Coroner

Lea Hamner—Deputy Coroner

### ***Where will my Loved One Be Taken?***

Your Loved one will be taken to the Park County Morgue in Fairplay unless you are informed differently by on scene personnel. Additionally, some forensic examinations such as autopsies will be performed at El Paso County. All questions should still be directed to the Park County Coroner's Office.

### ***Is it Necessary for me to Personally Identify the Body?***

No. You may be contacted to provide assistance in obtaining Medical, Dental Records or DNA samples in rare cases.

### ***Is Viewing Allowed?***

Not at Coroner facilities. They are not designed to provide a reasonable place to view.

### ***Why is the Coroner Involved?***

By state law the Coroner is required to investigate all deaths not attended by a physician and any deaths occurring within 24 hours of admission to a hospital. Also by state law the Coroner of the County where the incident occurred has jurisdiction and will be investigating rather than the county where the hospital is located. The Coroner is an independent investigator of deaths whether it be natural, accidental, suicide or of a criminal nature. The Coroner will determine Cause and Manner of death.

### ***Will an Autopsy be Performed?***

The Coroner determines whether or not an autopsy is performed. This is done on a case by case basis. Family may request a private autopsy at family's expense.

### ***What about Tissue and Organ Donation?***

The Coroner's Office encourages donation whenever possible. Donation will be evaluated by the Coroner on a case by case basis. If approved, Donor Alliance will contact Next of Kin for consent within a few hours of death regardless of time of day. The Coroner's office works closely with Donor Alliance and Rocky Mountain Eye Bank to expedite donation.