

## James Carver

- Has served as Coroner of Gordon County for 36 years, having been elected consecutively and being the longest elected official of Gordon County.
- Trained at Georgia Police Academy and Los Angeles, California Coroner's Office.
- Served as Secretary/Vice-President and President of Georgia Coroner's Association and honored recipient of State Coroner of the Year.
- Honored recipient of State Coroner of the Year by the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia.
- Charter member of Georgia Coroner Training Council, having been appointed by Governor Joe Frank Harris.
- Served in the Georgia General Assembly in the Senate for ten years as a Senate Aide for Senator Max Brannon
- Serves and member of boards and fraternal organizations of Gordon County and State of Georgia.

**Summary of Duties and Functions  
Coroners/Deputy Coroners  
As Mandated by  
Laws of United States and State of Georgia**

- Coroners elected by the voters for four year terms by their respective counties.
- Deputy Coroners appointed by the Coroner to serve for the period he/she desires and at the pleasure of the Coroner.
- Respond to scene and perform death investigation in cases pertaining to accident, homicide, suicide, and undetermined causes of death 24 hours seven days week.
- I and my Deputy Coroners rotate daily each month to be on call to conduct death investigations.
- In the event of mass fatalities, responsible for setting up temporary morgue, with getting assistance from other county Coroners, Deputy Coroners, and local, state, and federal agencies.
- Conduct separate death investigation from law enforcement (FBI, GBI, GA State Patrol, County and City).
- Consult and arrange Post Mortem Examinations and/or autopsies with GA Bureau of Investigation, Division of Forensic Science.
- Perform blood tests, photos, medical records for Medical Examiner.
- Contact, notify and conduct conference with families of victims.
- Upon completion and receiving cause and manner of death from Medical Examiner and/or family physician, complete medical section of Death Certificate and return to family's Funeral Director.
- If affected party (Law Enforcement and/or family) requests Coroner's inquest, the following is performed:
  1. Set date and time for inquest at Gordon County Court House.
  2. Notify Court Reporter to take proceedings.
  3. Prepare authorization for Sheriff to select 6 persons for jury and then prepare and deliver summons to each one.
  4. Prepare and issue summons to all witnesses.
  5. Preside and conduct Coroner's inquest and re-convene additional dates if necessary.
- Perform services concerning the Sheriff of the county as provided by Georgia law.
- Appear and testify at disposition meetings with attorneys.
- Appear and testify at federal, state, or local courts.
- Meet family attorneys, insurance companies, family physicians, and District Attorneys.
- Responsible for maintaining all records of death investigations in office.
- Numerous ministerial duties as required by Georgia law.

### Case Summary

Year 2008	143 ++
Year 2009	136 ++
Year 2010	131 ++
Year 2011	148 ++
Year 2012	166 +

+ - Denotes not completed number pending Medical Examiner's reports.

++ - Does not include number of deaths which were at out of county hospitals.

to provide for the appointment of Deputy Coroners and for their salaries

Section 1

The Coroner of Gordon County shall be compensated in the amount of ~~\$2,000.00~~ per month   
 \$1000 current

Section 2

The Coroner of Gordon County AND may appoint Deputy Coroners

Delete: AND to appoint additional Deputy Coroners to serve only in the event of mass fatalities

Delete: The Deputy Coroners for said county shall receive their compensation as provided by state law.

Add: The Deputy Coroners shall be compensated in the amount of \$300.00 for each death investigation he or she performs

\$175 current