

Fremont County Coroner
2016 3rd Quarter Summary (as of 10/01/2016)

- A. **TOTALS:** There have been 252 recorded deaths for Fremont County for the first ¾ of 2016:
1. 43% were Coroner Cases (107)
 2. So far compared to 2015, the numbers of cases have increased by five (102 in 2015 to 107 in 2016).
- B. **CASES:** So far for the ¾ of 2016, the total of cases “non-natural” in manner (accident, homicide, suicide, undetermined) is 37% of the total coroner cases. Of those:
1. The number of **accidental** deaths is 21, this is five less than that of the first ¾ of 2015.
 2. The number of deaths by **suicide** is 13, six more than the first ¾ of 2015.
 3. The number of deaths by **homicide** is 5, the same as that of the first ¾ of 2015.
- C. **Motor-vehicle/Traffic deaths:** There have been 8 vehicular deaths so far in 2016, 5 less than the first ¾ of 2015. Six of the deaths are accidental with two being homicide. None occurred in September since the last report.
1. Five of the deaths were drug and/or alcohol related.
 2. One pedestrian death
 3. Three deaths were on motorcycle/ATV
- D. **NOTES:**
1. Accidental death totals last year were the highest on record since 1979 (42), 2 ½ times the national average for our population, but so far for this year accidental deaths are trending less, but still slightly higher than the national average for our population.
 2. Suicides are trending up again and are almost at a rate three times that of the national average.
 3. Homicides are trending down the last few years but are still at over twice the national average.
 4. Traffic fatalities are down considerably and are currently below the national average to be expected for our population (2015 was at 4 times the national rate at mid-year).
- E. **DRUGS AND ALCOHOL:**
1. Drugs and Alcohol related deaths in the first ¾ of 2016 account for 28% of all Coroner cases, and 55% of the non-natural deaths. This is the same as the first ¾ of 2015 (55% of non-natural deaths).
 2. Drugs and/or alcohol were involved in two of the 5 homicides and seven of the 13 suicides.
 3. Two-thirds of the accidental deaths so far this year (14 of 21) were drug or alcohol related.