## Wayne County Coroner
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*Edward R. Howell, Coroner*

### 2015

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**Summary to follow:**
2015

43 Natural Deaths

Cardiovascular: 26
Acute Myocardial Infarction, 3
Atherosclerotic Coronary Vascular Disease, 1
Cardiac Arrhythmia, 1
Cardiac Arrest, 1
Cardio-Pulmonary Arrest, 1
Cardiopulmonary Failure, 1
Cardio-Respiratory Arrest, 1
Cerebrovascular Disease, 1
Complications of Ischemic Cardiomyopathy, 1
Congestive Heart Failure, 1
Coronary Artery Disease, 1
Coronary Insufficiency, 1
Hypertensive Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease, 1
Myocardial Insufficiency, 2
Presumed Liver Failure, 1
Probable Acute Myocardial Infarction, 1
Probable Cardiac Arrhythmia, 2
Probable Cardiac Dysrhythmia, 1
Probable Myocardial Insufficiency, 2
Severe Coronary Artery Disease, 1
Sudden Cardiac Death, 1

Respiratory: 3
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, 1
Multiple Pulmonary Emboli, 1
Pulmonary Edema, 1

Cancer: 7
Breast Cancer, 1
Esophageal, 1
Lung, 4
Malignant Neoplasm of Brain, 1

Other: 7
Acute Renal Failure, 1
Adult Failure to Thrive, 1
Failure to Thrive, 1
Gastric Rupture, 1
Ruptured Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, 1
Ruptured Berry Aneurysm, 1
Sudden Unexpected Death in a Young Adult with Known Seizure Disorder
And Arteriosclerotic Coronary Disease, 1

42 Other than Natural

Accidental: 33

Asphyxia, 2
Drowning, 1
Hypothermia, 1
Possible Hypothermia, 1
Mechanical Compression, 1
Traumatic Intraparenchymal Hemorrhage, 1

Motor Vehicle: 9
ATV, 1
Auto, Driver, 4
Auto, Passenger, 1
Motorcycle, 2
Snowmobile, 1

Overdose: 17
Adverse Effect of Drugs, 1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Alcohol and Morphine, 1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Benzodiazepines and Ethanol, 1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Carisoprodol, Opiates, and
Benzodiazepines, 1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Citalopram, Diphenhydramine,
Carisoprodol, Oxycodone, and Hydrocodone, 1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Diphenhydramine, Fentanyl,
Opiates, and Benzodiazepines, 1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Fentanyl, Citalopram,
Trazodone, and Morphine, 1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Morphine and Benzodiazepines,
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Morphine (Heroin)
And Tramadol, 1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Oxycodone and Methadone, 1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Zolpidem (Ambien), Opiates
(Oxycodone), and Benzodiazepines (Alprazolam), 1
Pharmacologic Effects of Cocaine and Opiates, 1
Pharmacologic Effects of Fentanyl, 1
Pharmacologic Effects of Morphine (Heroin), 1
Pharmacologic Effects of Opiates (Heroin), 1
Pharmacologic Effects of Oxycodone, 1
Pharmacologic Effects of Oxycodone & Benzodiazepines, 1

**Suicide:** 8
- Carbon Monoxide Poisoning, 1
- Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Fentanyl and Diphenhydramine, 1
- Firearms, 5
- Multiple Traumatic Injuries, 1

**Homicide:** 1
- Other, 1

**Pending:** 0

**Could Not Be Determined:** 0