

MID MICHIGAN MEDICAL EXAMINER GROUP

Medical Examiner's Office Monthly Report

Alpena County · September 2026



Metric	Jan '26	Feb '26	Mar '26	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26	Jul '26	Aug '26	Sep '26	Oct '26	Nov '26	Dec '26	FY '26	% +/- prev.	FY '25	FY '24	FY '23	FY '22	FY '21	FY '20
INVESTIGATION ACTIVITY																				
# Cases Investigated by MMMEG	11	9	7	5	17	7	13	14	13				96	-31.9%	141	126	120	111	132	132
Scene Investigations	6	5	4	4	7	4	4	7	8				49	-43.0%	86	78	64	67	60	62
Cremation Permits	32	31	22	27	31	21	30	32	26				252	-32.3%	372	337	340	328	349	318
MANNER OF DEATH																				
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	-100.0%	1	0	0	1	2	2
Suicide	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	3	0				7	+16.7%	6	8	4	8	6	4
Accident	2	1	1	1	3	0	2	4	1				15	-25.0%	20	26	25	17	13	21
Natural	9	6	5	3	14	6	10	7	10				70	-38.6%	114	91	91	85	111	102
Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2				2		0	0	0	0	0	0
Indeterminate	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1		0	1	0	0	0	3
CONFIRMED DRUG RELATED DEATH																				
Age <40yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	-100.0%	1	3	2	0		
Age 40yrs and older	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	-100.0%	3	1	4	3		
SPECIAL CASES																				
Unclaimed Bodies	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1				4	-20.0%	5	1	4	1	1	4
Unidentified Bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Exhumations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0		0	0	0	0	0	0
ORDERED																				
Toxicology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1				6	-75.0%	24	17	28	16	13	8
Autopsy	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2				4	-42.9%	7	8	7	6	3	11
CT Scan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0							

Case Briefs

Case #	County	Date	Disposition	Case Brief
04-0905-WS-2026	Alpena	09/05/2026	Release	ICU admission less than 24 hours with DNR status. Attending signing.
04-0910-GL-2026	Alpena	09/10/2026	Release	43/F was in PUC less than 24 hours for sepsis and cancer. Attending is signing.
04-0911-AH-2026	Alpena	09/11/2026	Release	79/m was reported by hospice and reviewed for falls. Severe liver failure. Review only. Hospice signing.
04-0930-RN-2026	Alpena	10/01/2026	Release	81/F was reported to have been in the PCU as inpatient with metastatic liver cancer and had developed bilateral PE. The family placed the female on comfort care, and she was pronounced dead at 2215. Dr Wagner reviewed the case and declined jurisdiction. The case was referred to the attending provider, Dr. Kalsky for signing the death certificate.
04-0903-HR-2026	Alpena	09/03/2026	Release	69/m was reported to have been found with welfare check. The male was in an advanced state of decomp. Extensive ethanol abuse and C/O pain in legs and having problems walking. Dr Wagner determined that the cause of death was an AMI due to complications of ethanol abuse. The manner is natural.
04-0907-PP-2026	Alpena	09/07/2026	Release	79/F That was pronounced deceased following ACLS resuscitation by EMS. History of CVD, DM, and recent toe amputation. COD is pulmonary embolism, manner is natural.
04-0909-CL-2026	Alpena	09/09/2026	Release	67/M found deceased in home. Hx of stage IV lung cancer, COPD, and diabetes. Dr. Wagner determined the cause of death is complications of lung cancer. The manner is natural.
04-0910-PM-2026	Alpena	09/10/2026	Autopsy	40/M witnessed cardiac arrest while at a sporting event. Decedent will be sent for postmortem examination, cause and manner are pending.
04-0913-LJ-2026	Alpena	09/13/2026	Release	74/M found deceased at home. Hx of hypertension and high cholesterol. Dr. Wagner determined the cause of death is acute myocardial infarction. The manner is natural.
04-0916-CR-2026	Alpena	09/16/2026	Release	McWilliams Funeral Home reached out that they had a decedent in their care from My Michigan Medical Center-Alpena. Decedent's son was contacted and has abandoned the body with the funeral home as they were estranged. The funeral home is requesting SER for cremation proceeding. This will be done and all documents are attached to this file.
04-0923-EW-2026	Alpena	09/23/2026	Release	71/M was reported to have been found dead by family after well-being check. Hx of ASCVD, ethanol use, COPD and liver disease. Dr Wagner determined that the cause of death was complications of ASCVD. The manner is natural.

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04-0927-HD-2026	Alpena	09/27/2026	Autopsy	71/Male suffered emergency while diving. Transported to the ED. Dr Wagner ordered postmortem examination COD and MOD are pending.
04-0930-MH-2026	Alpena	09/30/2026	Release	91/M was reported to have been scheduled for hospice intake this morning and was found dead. Hx of CHF and COPD. Dr Wagner determined that the cause of death was complications of CHF. The manner is natural.