

**IT INVESTMENT CAPITAL FUND  
PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

**To:** Information Technology Strategy and Investment Committee  
John Vittner, Office of Policy & Management

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**AGENCY/PROJECT NAME:** OCME / Medical Examiner Forensic Investigation

**PROJECT MANAGER:** Holly Olko

**REPORTING PERIOD:** Project Inception through 12/31/2015

**Total Funds Requested:** \$ 70,000

**Bond Commission Approval(s):** Date: Nov. 2014 Amount: \$ 70,000

**Accumulative Total Capital Fund Expenditures to Date:** \$ 66,621.15 (FINAL)

**Brief Project Description/Summary:** To provide remote access by streaming secure data between the Investigators and the Case Manager Death Investigation Management System (CM). This initiative will, in turn, update the Chief Medical Examiner in real time with information on any particular case/mass casualty event. Remote access provides reliable and timely data to the OCME while increasing the efficiency of field employees by reducing time and costs associated with returning to office after every scene. This is being accomplished by acquiring IT hardware and software with the expected result of making field operations mobile, faster and more reliable with secured/encrypted integration with CM.

**Summary of Progress Achieved to Date:** All equipment/software in-house. In-house IT staff has successfully configured several laptops, including encryption and tested. Four (4) laptops were rollout in late November-early December 2015: two (2) utilizing VPN via cell tower access cards and two (2) utilizing cell phones as hot spots. What has emerged through field testing is less hassle and faster access to OCME's Death Investigation system utilizing the laptop access card. This increased productivity easily offsets the cost differential (\$10.00 per month, per unit)

**Issues and Risks:** While OCME encountered delays: DAS software contract issues; UCHC firewall issues and later VPN access, essentially all roadblocks have now been overcome and the field testing began in late November 2015.

**Next Steps & Project Milestones:** Procure VPN service via laptop access card for remaining units and complete the rollout.