

2025 Pennsylvania State Coroners Association

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

September 22nd-September 26th, 2025

Heritage Hills Golf Resort & Conference Center, York County

April 21, 2025

Dear Fellow PA Coroners, Medical Examiners, Colleagues and Friends:

The 2025 Pennsylvania State Coroners Association (PSCA) Annual Conference will be here soon! The York County Coroner's Office is honored to host the conference this year on **Monday, September 22, 2025 – Friday, September 26, 2025** at Heritage Hills Golf Resort and Conference Center, 2700 Mount Rose Avenue, York, PA 17402.

Included with this introductory letter is the tentative itinerary, a registration/payment form (which can be copied if needed for a spouse/guest), meals/activities form (which can also be copied if needed) and the Save the Date and Things to Do documents. **Please return all registration/payment forms and meal/activity forms by August 8 to avoid the \$150 late fee.** Checks should be made payable to the "PA State Coroners Association" as the form directs. Mailing address on registration form – be sure to use the P.O. Box # indicated.

As per the PSCA, the cost of this year's conference registration is \$850, no matter what portion of the conference you attend. There is no reduced rate for only attending part of the conference. There will be 8 hours of continuing education offered on Monday and Tuesday (must attend both Monday and Tuesday for the 8 hours) and there will be another 8 hours of continuing education offered Wednesday and Thursday (must attend both Wednesday and Thursday to acquire the 8 hours). The \$850 registration fee includes your registration for the conference, all your continuing education, meals, hospitality room access and ALL activities for the week. The meals/hospitality room access for spouses and guests is \$300 for whatever portion of the conference they are attending. There is **no reduced rate** for meals/hospitality room access for spouses/guests. **Meal/activity costs for spouses/guests MUST be received by August 8, 2025 to avoid the \$150 late fee. If you do not order/pay for meals for your spouse/guest by two weeks BEFORE the conference (9/8/25), they will NOT be included in the meal count and therefore, they will NOT be able to eat meals with the paid participants, due to the hotel needing a deadline for the meal count for adequate time for preparations.** If meal payment is not received by 9/8/25 (late fees applied after 8/8/25), the spouse/guest would then need to eat at the hotel restaurant(s) or other nearby restaurants. Our apologies for having to be so firm about this, but as you know, food is expensive and continuing to go up, so we respectfully request that you adhere to the deadlines referenced above.

A detailed itinerary will be distributed when you arrive, but we are including a tentative itinerary with this letter as we realize you may need it for county approval. We are planning to again have our traditional county gift exchange on Wednesday evening at our museum dinner event, so if your county is participating, please bring something that represents your county (one gift per county, up to \$75 in value) to exchange.

If you haven't yet done so yet, please make your hotel reservations SOON by calling Heritage Hills at 717-755-0123, then extension "0" and using group code PACA2025. Or you can go online at www.heritagehillsresort.com, select "group attendee" from the "Add Code" drop down menu and

enter the code above. Room availability and pricing (\$139/night) is not guaranteed after the block expires on May 31, 2025, (though there will be other rooms available nearby).

Don't hesitate to call us at 717-840-7617 if you have any questions, or you can email me or Chief Deputy Coroner Tania Zech at plgay@yorkcountypa.gov or tnzech@yorkcountypa.gov.

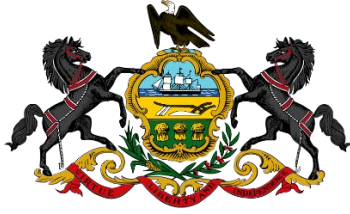
We look forward to seeing you in September!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela L. Gay".

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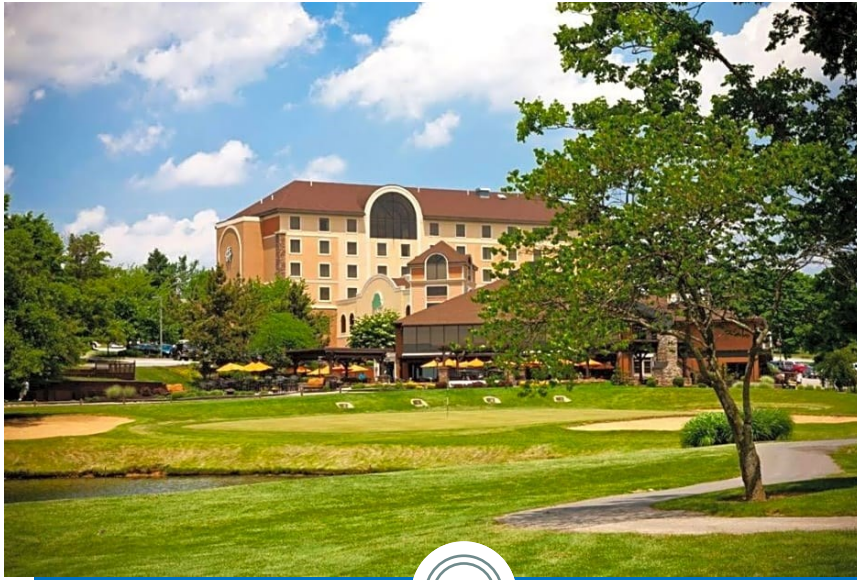
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Itinerary (tentative)

Below is the proposed itinerary for the conference. The final schedule will be distributed at Registration. Speakers noted are confirmed and Coroner's Con-Ed is pre-approved for **8 hours on Monday/Tuesday (must attend both days) and 8 hrs on Wednesday/Thursday (must attend both days)**. Times are approximate. Some presentation titles may change slightly, though topics will remain the same.

Monday, September 22nd	
0700-0800	Registration/Breakfast at hotel
0800-0850	SUIDI updates/Potentially Dangerous Products -- Michael Goodstein, MD, FAAP, Wellspan York Hospital
0900-0950	Forensic Genetic Genealogy Case – Troopers Baney & McCurdy, PSP
1000-1130	Suicide Mortality Reviews as a Suicide Prevention Tool – Patti Tanner (PA DMVA)/Cindy Richard (Suicide Prevention of York)/Pam Gay (York Co. Coroner's Office)
1130-1230	Lunch at hotel
1230-1320	The Family Advocate in the Coroner's Office -- Family Advocate - York Co. Coroner's Office
1330-1420	Five Days in Shanksville (Christina Rugh, Venango County Coroner)
1420-1800	FREE TIME
1800-1900	Dinner at hotel
1900-2330	Hospitality Room/Networking (tentative)/Mini Golf/Ice Cream
Tuesday, September 23rd	
0700-0800	Registration/Breakfast at hotel
0800-0930	PA DMVA Grant Writing Workshop – Patti Tanner PA DMVA
0930-0945	Break
0945-1035	Pediatric Case Presentation #1 – Forensic Pathology Associates
1040-1130	Pediatric Case Presentation #2 – Forensic Pathology Associates
1130-1230	Lunch at hotel
1230-1320	Zac's Story – Missy Sweitzer, York Co. Center for Traffic Safety
1320-1600	Vendor Break/FREE TIME (Vendors in Exhibit Room from 1320-1700)
1600-1700	Executive Board Meeting/Officer Nominations
1700-1800	Hospitality Room open
1800-1900	Dinner at hotel
1900-2400	Hospitality Room open/Mini Golf/Ice Cream
Wednesday, September 24th	
0700-0800	Registration/Breakfast
0830-1130	Opening Ceremony followed by Coroner's Education Board Meeting/PSCA Business Meeting and Election
1130-1200	Vendor Break (Vendors in Exhibit Room from 0900-1700)

1200-1300	Lunch at hotel
1300-1345	To be Determined Case Presentation or Death Certificate and Veterans' Benefits Training (PA DMVA/PA American Legion)
1345-1400	Vendor Break
1400-1600	How to Provide Better Care for Decedent Families and Yourself – Brian Ehret, F-ABMDI, Center for Forensic Sciences, Syracuse, NY
1600-1640	Vendor Break/FREE TIME
1700-1730	Buses Leave for York History Center
1730-2100	Dinner/Swearing-In Ceremony/Gift Exchange at York History Center
2100-2130	Buses Return to Heritage Hills Hotel
2130-2400	Hospitality Room open
Thursday, September 25th	
0700-0800	Breakfast at hotel
0800-0930	Part 1 - Medicolegal Death Investigations – Leveraging Data to Enhance Standards of Practice – IACME presenters Rippy, Rouse, McGinty, Chaput
0930-1000	Vendor Break (Vendors in Exhibit Room from 0930-1700)
1000-1200	Part 2 – Medicolegal Death Investigations – Leveraging Data to Enhance Standards of Practice – IACME presenters Rippy, Rouse, McGinty, Chaput
1200-1300	Lunch at hotel
1300-1330	Vendor Break
1330-1500	QPR Training – Cindy Richard, Suicide Prevention of York
1500-1520	Final Vendor Break
1520-1600	To be Determined Presentation (in process of being finalized)
1600-1700	To be Determined Presentation (in process of being finalized)
1700-1800	Hospitality Room open
1800-2000	Dinner at hotel
2030-2400	Hospitality Room open (“ Present a Case ”)
Friday, September 26th	
0730-0830	Breakfast at hotel
0830-1130	Final PSCA Business Meeting of Conference
1130 Departure	Optional Bag/Box Lunch Available as you leave



SAVE the DATE!
September 22-26, 2025
2025 PSCA Conference/Convention

Heritage Hills Golf Resort & Conference Center
2700 Mount Rose Avenue ♦ York County

\$139/night Use GROUP CODE*: PACA2025

Reserve your room NOW by calling 717-755-0123, ext. “0”

Or reserve online at www.heritagehillsresort.com

Select “Group Attendee” from the “Add code” drop down menu on the website, then add the group block code above

*Blocked rooms released to public after 5/31/2025; availability not guaranteed after release date

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REGISTRATION FORM Monday 9/22/25-Friday 9/26/25

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(please make a copy or print additional if more than one form needed; use additional form for guest/spouse with separate check)

Attendee Name	
County	
Phone Number	
Fax Number	
Email	
Title (Coroner, Chief Deputy Coroner, Deputy Coroner, Guest/Spouse)	

Continuing Education Information

Name as you wish it to appear on the con-ed certificate(s) _____

**Both Monday/Tuesday courses (must be present for both days to receive 8 hours) and Wednesday/Thursday courses (must be present for both days to receive 8 hours) have been pre-approved by the PA Coroner’s Education Board. *We are also in the process of applying for Funeral Director, EMS and CME credits for physicians.

Registration Fees

Conference Registration Fee: \$850 for the conference (also includes meals, networking and activities for Coroners, MEs, Chief Deputy Coroners, Deputy Coroners) \$ _____

Spouse/Guest Meals/Networking/Activities for conference - \$300 (separate check) \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

All registration forms can be emailed to plgay@yorkcountypa.gov or mailed with payment.

Please make check(s) payable to “PA State Coroner’s Association”, and mail to: York County Coroner’s Office, 3400 Concord Road, P.O. Box 20790, York, PA 17402. MUST BE POSTMARKED BY August 8, 2025 to avoid \$150 late fees.

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MEALS/Activities Form



Please complete the following Meals/Training/Activities Form (mark Yes or No with an “X” or checkmark, please) so we can adequately prepare for the number of persons attending meals/training/activities. **THIS FORM MUST BE TURNED IN WITH EACH PARTICIPANT’S REGISTRATION, including Guests/Spouses.**

Name _____

	YES	NO
Sunday, September 21st		
Off-site dinner, self-pay, meet in lobby at 5:30pm		
Monday, September 22nd		
Breakfast		
Continuing Education		
Lunch		
Dinner		
Tuesday, September 23rd		
Breakfast		
Continuing Education		
Lunch		
Executive Board Meeting		
Dinner		
Wednesday, September 24th		
Breakfast		
PSCA Business Meeting		
Lunch		
Continuing Education		
Dinner at the York County History Center (business or dressy attire – travel to/from center by bus) Includes New Executive Board Swearing-In Ceremony and County Gift Exchange (voluntary gift of \$75 or less)		
Thursday, September 25th		
Breakfast		
Continuing Education (morning)		
Lunch		
Continuing Education (afternoon)		
Dinner		
Friday, September 26th		
Breakfast		
PSCA Business Meeting		
Bag/Box Lunch (optional)		



2ND Annual “Present a Case” – Call for Presentations

On Thursday evening of our conference, 9/25/25, one coroner’s or ME’s office will have the opportunity to present an interesting investigation that you have conducted in your county. This should be a 20- minute Powerpoint explaining the death investigation, any lessons learned or any difficulties encountered during the death investigation process. It may still be an open case and your colleagues may be able to provide insight, ideas or suggestions to assist you with determining the cause or manner of death. The presentation will take place in the Hospitality Room during the last evening it is open on Thursday.

We are currently seeking such presentations. If your county is interested in doing such a presentation, please complete the form below and submit it to plgay@yorkcountypa.gov and send it in with your registration. One county will be chosen to present their case.

Contact Name/Title _____

County _____

Name of Presentation _____

Brief Synopsis of Investigation



GOOD THINGS TO SEE AND DO WHILE IN YORK COUNTY, PA

Suggestions for those attending the 2025
PSCA Conference in York County
9/22/2025-9/26/2025

HERITAGE HILLS GOLF RESORT

The host hotel for the 2025 PSCA Conference is Heritage Hills Golf Resort in York County, PA. Join your colleagues and multiple vendors there September 22-26. This unique hotel sits near rolling Pennsylvania hills, and offers an on-site golf course/driving range with access to an additional nearby course. It also has an on-site miniature golf course. Serenity Spa at Heritage Hills offers massage, hair and nail treatments. Avenue Ale House and Pizza Loft serves drinks and pub food on an outdoor patio. Use this flyer to register now at a special rate while there's still room! [Register Now](#)



HOLLYWOOD CASINO

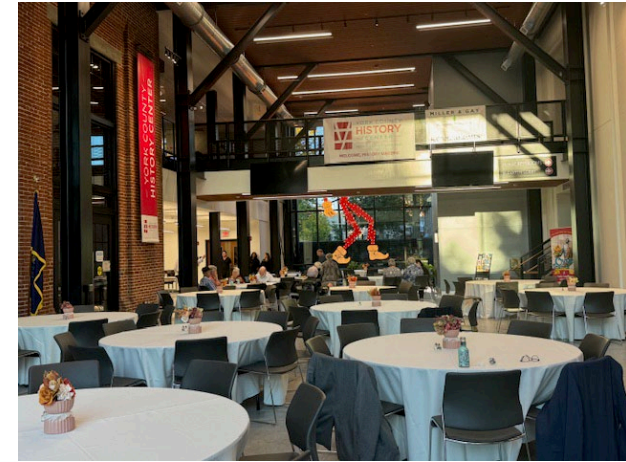
Just three miles from Heritage Hills, Hollywood Casino York is open 24/7 and features a variety of entertainment options, including slots, table games, and an array of casual and unique dining options. [Hollywood Casino York](#)



YORK COUNTY HISTORY CENTER

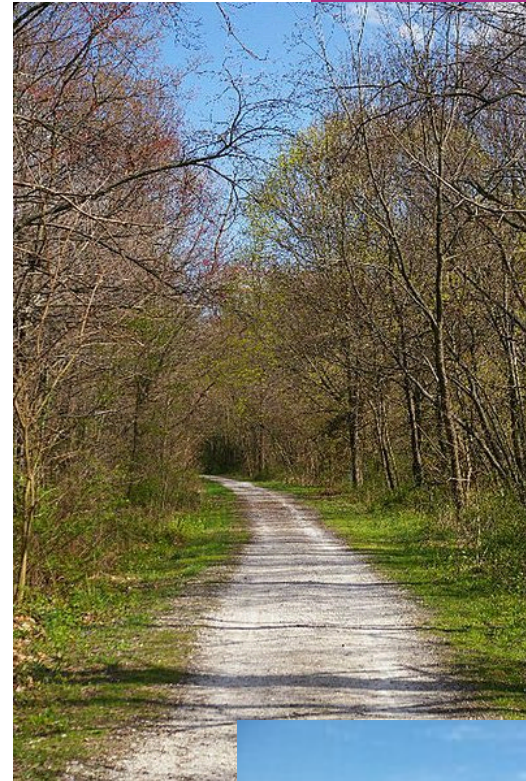
Join your fellow coroners and vendors on Wednesday evening, 9/24/2025 for a memorable dinner event in downtown York at the NEW York County History Center Museum, named one of the nation's best new museums by USA Today.

You will learn about York County's role in early expansion across Pennsylvania and its contributions to the Underground Railroad. See for yourself the farming and industry innovations that cemented the county's status as a place of progress and resilience. You will experience a unique building that once housed a steam plant and has now been transformed into a vibrant space where history comes to life. [York County History Center - Museum, Library, and Archives](#)



HERITAGE RAIL TRAIL COUNTY PARK

Known as one of America's Top Rail Trails, pedestrians and bicyclists can enjoy more than 21 miles of linear trail connecting scenic and historic sites such as the Howard Tunnel, four railroad bridges, New Freedom Train Station, Hanover Junction Train Station (where Abraham Lincoln once stopped on his way to Gettysburg), picturesque farms, quaint municipalities and so much more. This trail also extends into Maryland for another 20 miles and is particularly beautiful in the fall. [Home - York County Rail Trail Authority](#)



FARMERS' MARKETS

With more than 50 vendors, you're most certainly apt to find something you like at one of America's oldest farmers markets in the heart of York City. Local crafts, fresh grown produce and artisan foods are in abundance on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at this much loved market. www.centralmarketyork.com

Also with more than 50 vendors, New Eastern Market, 201 Memory Lane, York, PA 17402, offers something for everyone, including fresh produce, gifts and craft items. Open Fridays only.

[Home - New Eastern Market](#)



RIVER BOAT TOURS

Take a Fall ride on an antique electric boat on the Susquehanna River. Built in 1912 for beer tycoon Adolphus Busch, this electric-powered launch cruised Otsego Lake, the headwaters of the Susquehanna, for over a century. Today the Chief Uncas cruises the Susquehanna 400 miles downstream as the flagship for SNHA's River Discovery Tours! This elegant electric powered motor yacht cruises the Susquehanna River each year June through October. [River Discovery Boat Tours](#)



SNACK CAPITAL TOURS

Take a few minutes to tour some of our snack factories. York County, has become known as the “Snack Food Capital of the World,” given its concentration of popular brands and food production facilities, including [Martin’s Potato Chips](#), [Snyder’s of Hanover](#) and [The Utz](#) [Factory Tour: Hanover's Self-Guided Factory Tour - Uncovering PA](#)



HARLEY DAVIDSON TOUR

Though the Harley-Davidson tour is temporarily closed in York, when open, visitors can tour the facility that produces the Sportster[®], Cruiser, Touring and CVO[™] families of motorcycles and LiveWire[™] electric motorcycles right here in York, PA.

[Factory Tours | Harley-Davidson USA](#)



MUSEUMS AND HISTORY ABOUND

Visit the home of William C. Goodridge, successful African-American entrepreneur and Underground Railroad Conductor. Features living history program. Tours are available Wednesday and Saturday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. [Home - Goodridge Freedom Center](#)

President Abraham Lincoln traveled through York County on the [Northern Central Railway](#) to deliver his iconic Gettysburg Address. Today, visitors can still ride the historic railway in train cars from throughout history.

Learn how Union forces burned the Columbia-Wrightsville Bridge to prevent Confederate soldiers from taking Lancaster which turned the war to Gettysburg. The [Burning of the Bridge Diorama](#) tells the story of that fateful night.

•You can take a guided tour of the [Colonial Complex](#) – and view what life was like in the 18th-century. The tour highlights York's involvement in the Second Continental Congress and American Revolutionary War.

See more than 225 years of firefighting equipment is displayed in a 1903 firehouse, including antique trucks and hand-drawn pumpers at the [Fire Museum](#).

More history can be found here . . . [York County Museums & History | Things to Do in York PA & More](#)



ORCHARDS AND BAKERIES APLENTY

York County is home to multiple orchards, farm stores and bakeries. Stop by any of the following and you'll be guaranteed some great produce and treats to take back home!

Brown's Orchards [Brown's Orchards & Farm Market York...](#) | [Brown's Orchard & Farm Markets](#)

Flinchbaugh's Orchard [Flinchbaugh's Orchard & Farm Market](#)

Twin Pine Farms [Local Farm Store | York, PA | Twin Pine Farm](#)

Whitecomb's Farm Market [Whitecomb's Farm Market](#)

White Clover Family Farm [White Clover | Produce & farm goods | York](#)

More to do can be found here [Explore York County, PA | have it made here](#)



WINERIES AND BREWERIES

York County also has some unique wineries, breweries and distilleries, and offers a variety of options for visitors seeking those venues.

[Balla Cloiche Vineyards](#) 14110 Clark Rd., Stewartstown, PA 17363

[Maple Lawn Winery](#) and [Maize Quest Corn Maze & Fun Park](#) 2885 New Park Rd., New Park, PA 17352

[Wyndridge Farm | Craft Beverages, Dining, & Venue in Dallastown, PA](#) The one and only Wyndridge hard cider, made right here in York County. Enjoy the cider and a great meal in the barn-turned-restaurant!

[Gift Horse Brewing Company](#) 117 N. George St., York, PA 17401

[AleCraft Brewery](#) 15 S. Main St., New Freedom, PA 17349

[South County Brewing Co.](#) Casual dining (best brisket in the world!) and brewery with a scenic overview of York

[Old Republic Distillery](#) 12025 Susquehanna Trail South, Glen Rock, PA 17327

York City is home to 7 independent, craft breweries all within a 1-square mile radius making it one of the greatest concentrations of breweries anywhere in the country! [York County Brewery Tours - Walking Tour of York City's Craft Breweries](#)

[Brewery Tours: York County Brew Bus!](#) Recurs weekly on Saturdays and Sundays – go to link for more info – www.UltimateCraftBeerExperience.com 717-660-0767



MISCELLANEOUS

Haines Shoe House, 197 Shoe House Road, York, PA 17406 [Microsoft Bing Travel – York](#)

Explore the small towns along our York County trails [Home - Trail Towns Program](#)

Enjoy beautiful riverfront dining and delicious food and drinks along the Susquehanna [John Wright Restaurant – John Wright Restaurant – Restaurant and Venue](#)

Amazing Maryland crabcakes, steaks, pasta, beer, wine and cocktails and so much more inside an 1850s home that has been beautifully renovated with wood and brass enhancements – 3691 East Market Street, York, PA 17402 [The First Post | York, PA](#)

Just 5 minutes from our hotel . . . Eagles Nest Restaurant, 2519 Mount Rose Avenue, York, PA 17402 [Home | Eagles Nest](#)

