

# TIPPECANOE COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE



## MARCH REPORT 2026



## MONTHLY SUMMARY

The Tippecanoe County Coroner's Office (TCCOR) intends for this information in this report to be useful to community leaders and the public at large. The data presented within this report represents the deaths occurring within Tippecanoe County, for which the TCCOR has jurisdiction. This data does not represent all deaths that occur within Tippecanoe County, nor does it reflect all deaths of Tippecanoe County residents. The decedent's place of residence or location of incident may be outside of Tippecanoe County.

### Our Values:

**INTEGRITY.** The TCCOR shows integrity through an office culture founded on pride and peer accountability, where members will maintain the highest of ethical standards.

**COMPASSIONATE SERVICE.** TCCOR employees are committed to building an effective team to service the local community as an advocate for the deceased and their families in times of need and sorrow. Our employees are committed to providing our law enforcement partners with the tools they need to prosecute offenders and protect the community.

**EXCELLENCE.** The TCCOR is a proud, professional organization emphasizing continuous personal and professional education, training, improvement, and growth.

The office of the Tippecanoe County Coroner has a dual role: **PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH.**

As a **PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY**, the TCCOR conducts death investigations in an independent manner and without bias. TCCOR investigators, forensic and medicolegal, work with all law enforcement agencies to gather useful information in order to determine an accurate cause and manner of death. The TCCOR investigators also ensure legal positive identification of decedents and notification of legal next-of-kin as soon as reasonably possible.

As a **PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY**, the TCCOR provides information on the state of health of Tippecanoe County residents and alert the appropriate agencies of deaths that may present an immediate threat to its population. The TCCOR conducts epidemiological research and partners with multiple agencies to detect, investigate, and notify novel illnesses to better predict trends and support the at-risk populations.

# MONTHLY OVERVIEW OF CASES REPORTED AND INVESTIGATED

In March of 2026, **72 total deaths** were reported to the TCCOR. The TCCOR accepted, under its jurisdiction, **39 deaths for further investigation** this month alone. Since the beginning of 2026, the TCCOR has had **217 total deaths reported to our office**. Of those total reported deaths, the TCCOR has accepted jurisdiction on **111 deaths for further investigation**.

## TCCOR March Caseload

Accepted Cases – The TCCOR has accepted, under its jurisdiction, **39 deaths for further investigation**.

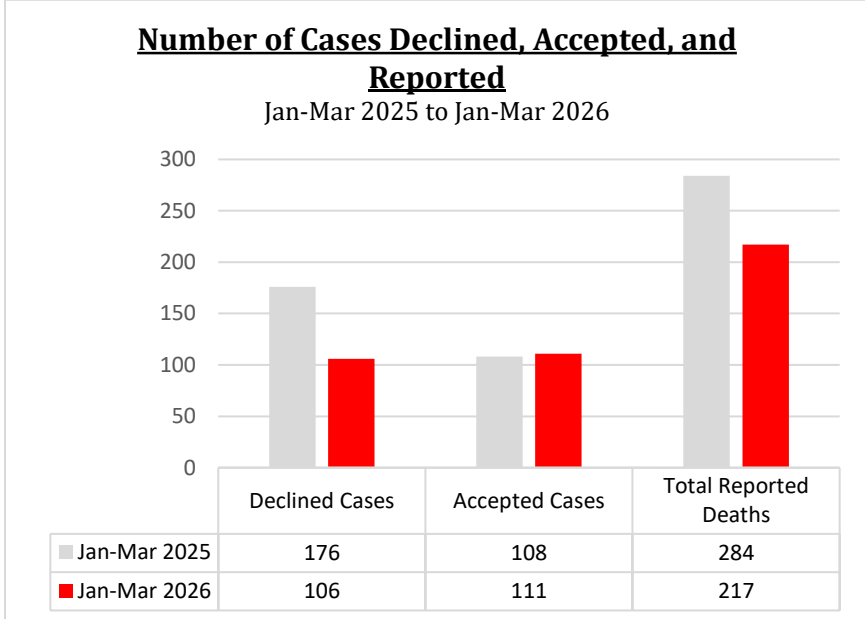
Declined Cases – The TCCOR declined jurisdiction of **33 deaths**.

Autopsies/External Exams – Of the 39 deaths accepted for further investigation, **22 were autopsied** to assist in determining the cause and manner of death.

The total number of deaths reported has **decreased by 24%** compared to the same time last year.

The total number of cases where jurisdiction was declined has **decreased by 40%** compared to the same time last year.

The total number of cases accepted for further investigation has **increased by 3%** compared to the same time last year.



Month	2026 Cases Investigated	Autopsies 2026	Autopsies 2025
January	41	14	17
February	31	17	21
March	<b>39</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
<b>Total</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>63</b>

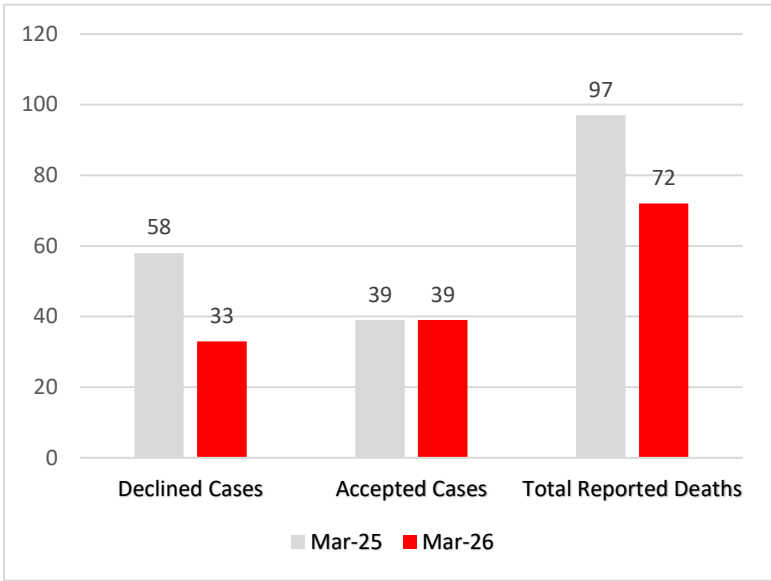
There was a **12% decrease** in autopsies in March of 2026 compared to March of 2025.

**Comparison of Deaths for March 2025 vs. March 2026**

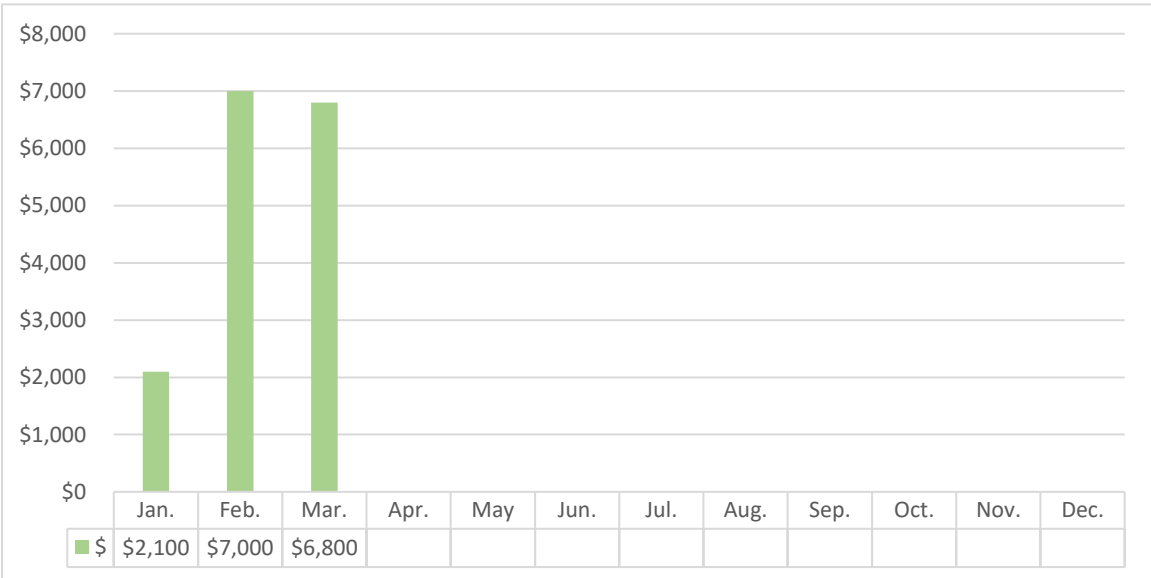
There is a **26% decrease** in total reported deaths to the TCCOR in March 2026 compared to March 2025.

Accepted cases for further investigation **neither increased or decreased** in March 2026 compared to March 2025.

There is an **43% decrease** in declined cases in March 2026 compared to March 2025.



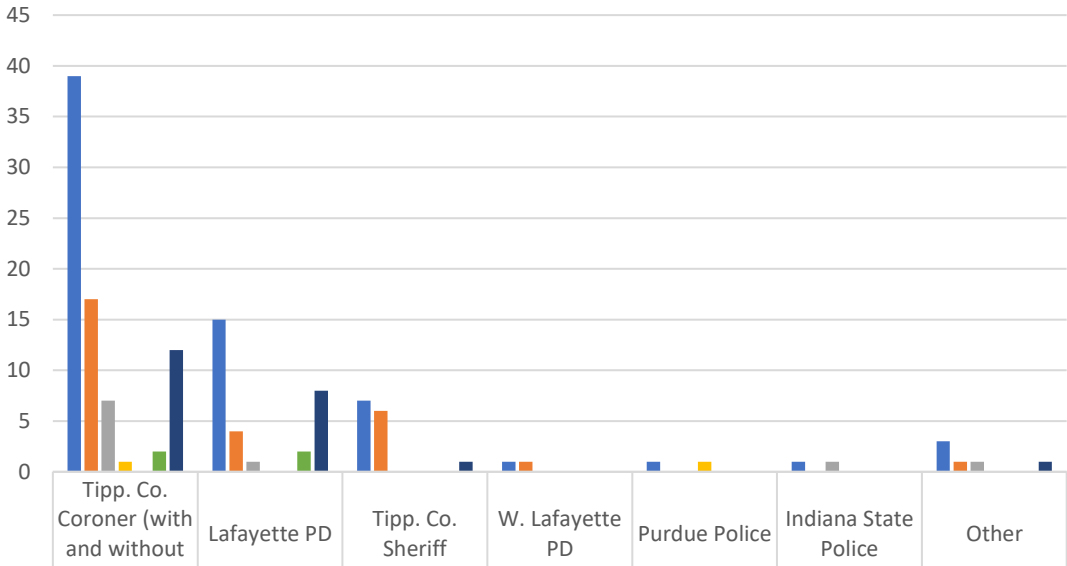
**Monthly Invoice Comparison**



As of March 2026, the **total year to date invoice amount is \$15,900**. This amount includes invoices for autopsy chargebacks to other counties, after-hours access, Indiana Donor Network, Vision First, insurance, and attorneys.

**Death Investigations by Agency**

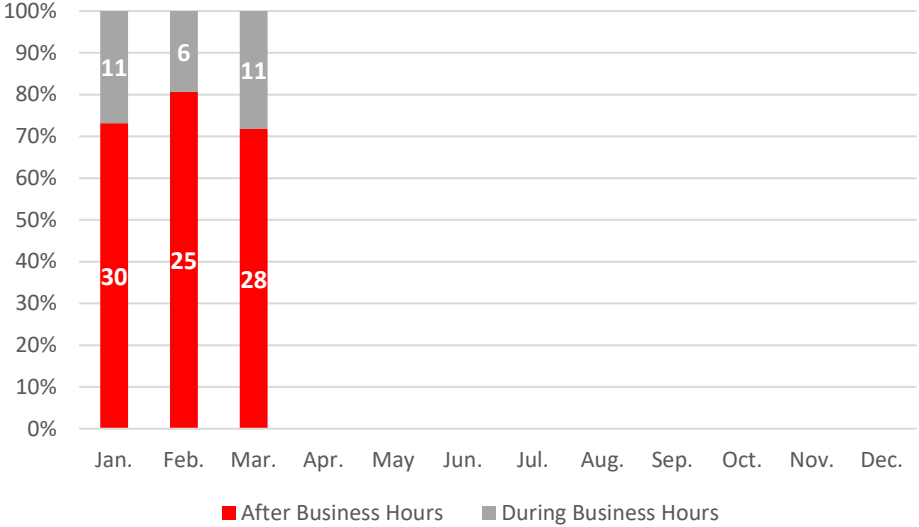
**March 2026**



	Tipp. Co. Coroner (with and without LEA)	Lafayette PD	Tipp. Co. Sheriff	W. Lafayette PD	Purdue Police	Indiana State Police	Other
Total Cases (Accepted)	39	15	7	1	1	1	3
Natural	17	4	6	1	0	0	1
Accident	7	1	0	0	0	1	1
Suicides	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Homicides	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Undetermined	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Pending	12	8	1	0	0	0	1

**Number of Accepted Cases**

During Business Hours vs. After Business Hours

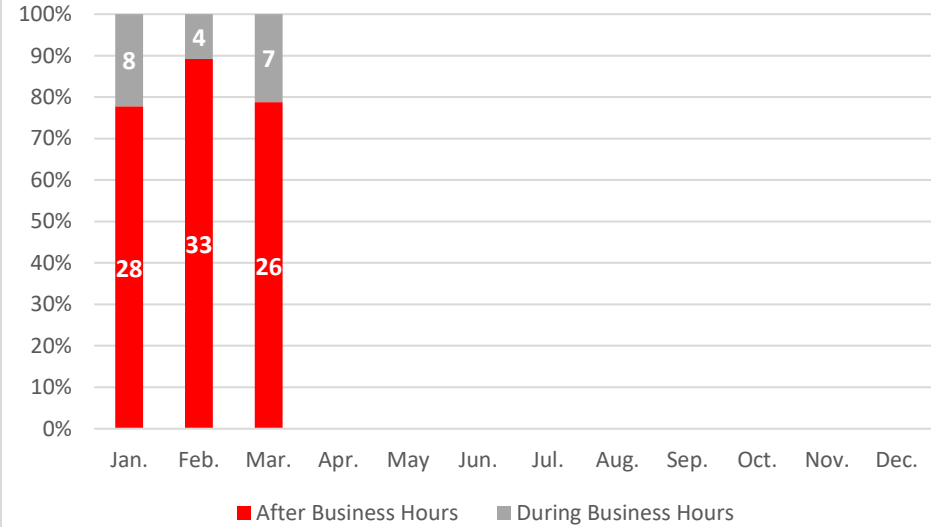


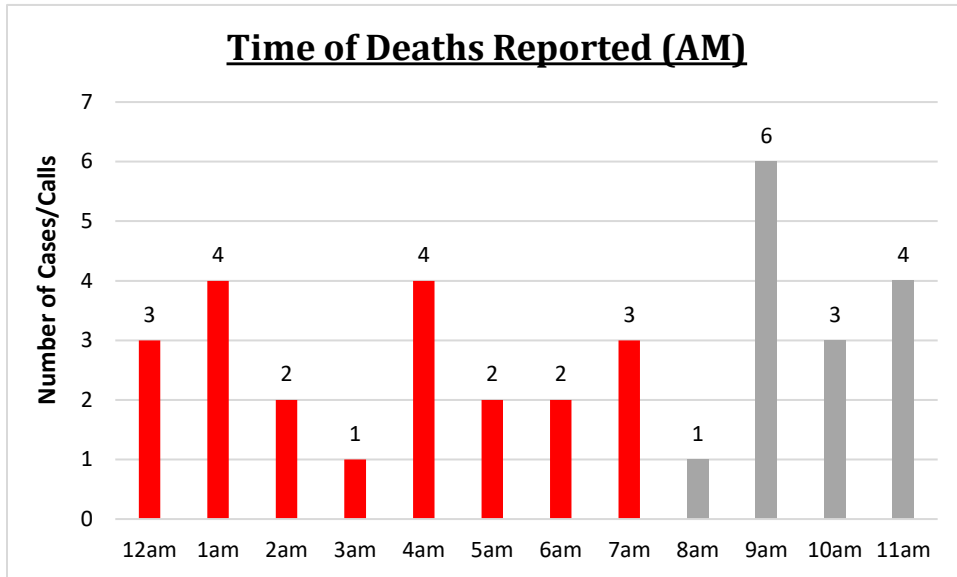
In March, 71% of cases accepted for further investigation occurred **after** business hours.

In March, 78% of cases **declined** for further investigation occurred **after** business hours.

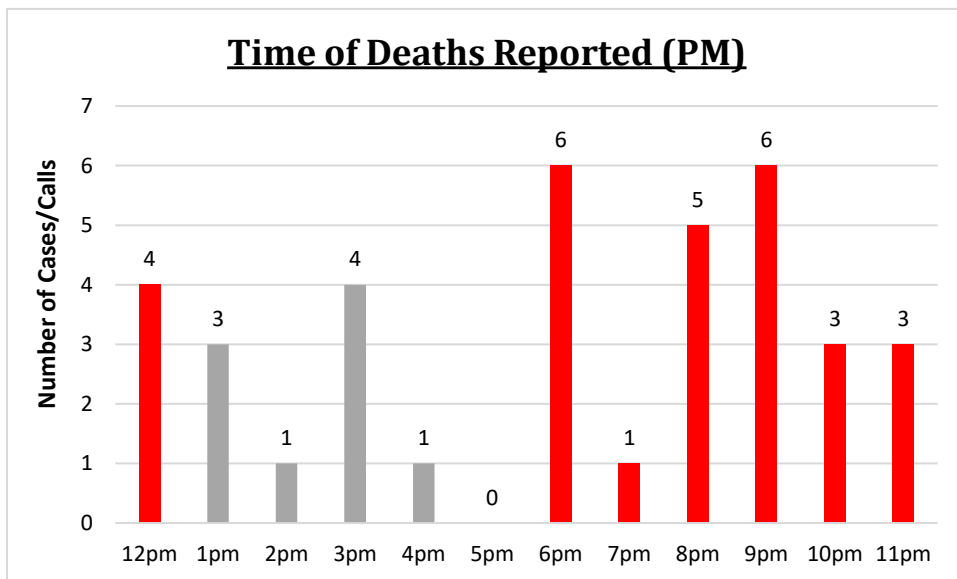
**Number of Declined Cases**

During Business Hours vs. After Business Hours





Please note the red bars represent any cases/calls that came in after normal business hours.



In March 2026, 68% of deaths reported occurred after business hours, while 32% of deaths reported occurred during business hours.