WAC 218-04-010  Purpose and duties. The forensic investigations council is established pursuant to chapter 398, Laws of 1995. The purpose of the forensic investigations council is to:

1. Preserve and enhance the state crime laboratory;
2. Fund the death investigation system and to make related state and local institutions more efficient;
3. Preserve and enhance the state toxicology laboratory;
4. Provide resources necessary for the performance, by qualified pathologists, of autopsies;
5. Improve the performance of death investigations and the criminal justice system through the formal training of county coroners and county medical examiners;
6. Establish and maintain a dental identification system; and
7. Provide flexibility so that any county may establish a county morgue when it serves the public interest.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 34.05.020. WSR 96-16-062, § 218-04-010, filed 8/5/96, effective 9/5/96.]