EMBALMING

Embalming is the process used to disinfect and preserve human remains so they can be safely viewed by loved ones. Although most embalming procedures are performed by mortuaries or cremation establishments, the Medical Examiner's Office offers these services at a competitive rate. All eight Forensic Autopsy Specialists on staff are California licensed embalmers, and all have worked in mortuaries prior to working for the County. These employees, with their familiarity of the funeral processes, understand the needs of the mortuaries and are sensitive to the needs of the families.

Thirteen bodies were embalmed in 2010. Given the high quality service we can provide at a competitive rate, we intend on continuing and hopefully expanding this service to the families we serve.