Comparing cases from 2018 to 2019, accidental deaths have increased 5%, homicides were up by 11%, suicides decreased 8% and natural deaths falling under the jurisdiction of the Medical Examiner went up 6%.

**Accidents**
Unintentional Drug, Medication, and Alcohol related deaths remained high, representing 39% of all accidental deaths in 2019; Falls accounted for 33% and Motor Vehicle related accidental deaths were at 18%.

- Unintentional deaths due to drug, medication, and/or alcohol toxicity increased by 12% (577 to 645)
- The average age was 46, the youngest was 16, and oldest was 77; 77% were male
- Methamphetamine was a causative factor in 59% of all unintentional overdose cases and saw a 16% increase (328 to 379)
- Deaths where Fentanyl was a causative factor increased by 63% (92 to 151)

*Note: Counts listed for Methamphetamine and Fentanyl include deaths where the drug either alone or with other drugs, medication and/or alcohol was a causative factor in death; these counts are not mutually exclusive and may include cases where both Fentanyl and Methamphetamine were a causative factor in death.*

- Falls increased 12% (488 to 545), remaining a significant cause of accidental deaths, representing 33% of all such cases
- Blunt Head Trauma, including subdural hematoma, remains the leading cause of fall-related deaths, accounting for 49% (266) of these cases
- Deaths resulting from Hip/Femur Fracture represented 24% (131) of Fall cases

**Homicides**
11%
INCREASE (102 to 113)
In 55% of cases (62 of 113) the method was a firearm

**Suicides**
- There was an 8% decrease in suicides (465 to 428) compared to 2018
- During this time period, firearms continued to be the leading method of suicide, accounting for 39% (166) of all such cases, followed by Asphyxia at 32% (135)
- There were 15 Coronado Bridge deaths in 2019 compared to 16 in 2018