

ABOUT JAMES “JIMMY” ROBERTS

In 2004 my father was the victim of a homicide near Idaho City and although that was tragic for our family in many ways, discovering the flawed system of death investigation was almost more disheartening. Finding out that there are many Coroners who are not experienced, knowledgeable or educated in medicolegal death investigation motivated me for over 18 years to take programs at some of the most respected schools in our country and even traveling abroad to learn how it's done in Europe. My goal is to make certain that every person who this office takes care of in the course of our duties is treated with respect, dignity, compassion and the highest level of professionalism possible.

I retired from 30+ years in emergency services working as a Firefighter/Paramedic, training officer, quality assurance officer, grant writer, and liaison to many government agencies, graduate of the Plymouth Police Academy in 2013 and I also served with US Navy Reserve as a corpsman assigned to the United States Marine Corps. In 2018, I moved home, Blackfoot, where I was built and where my family has lived since the late 19th century.

I have an Associates Degree in Arts, and have attended Medicolegal Death Investigation certificate programs with the St. Louis School of Medicine, The University of North Dakota, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (Forensic Anthropology Center), and have done working internships with the Netherlands National Polite Forensic Division. I currently sit on the educational committee for the Idaho Association of Coroners, and am the first Bingham County Coroner to be a certified “Diplomat American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigator” (D-ABMDI). The American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators is the national gold standard for death investigator certification.

I am proud to be able to serve the residents and visitors of Bingham County as the Coroner.

