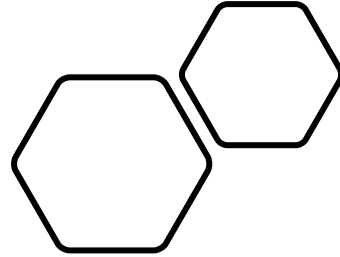


Forensic Science Center



- **FY 25-26 Budget**
- **Jon R Thogmartin, M.D.**
- **District Six Medical Examiner**
- **Executive Director, Pinellas
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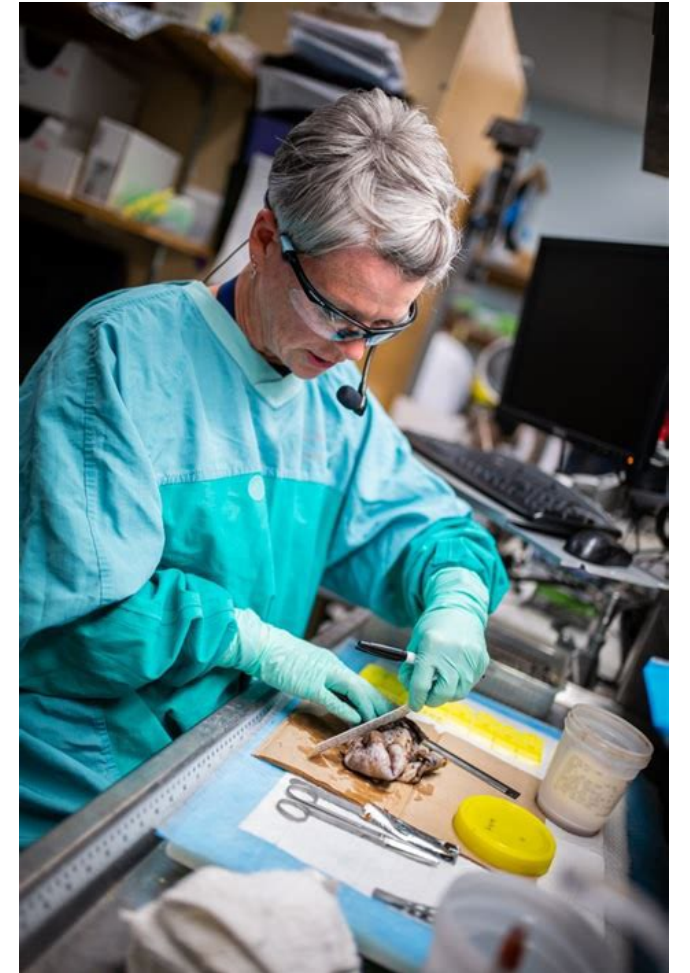
FY 25 updates

- The synthetic opioid epidemic appears to have peaked in 2023

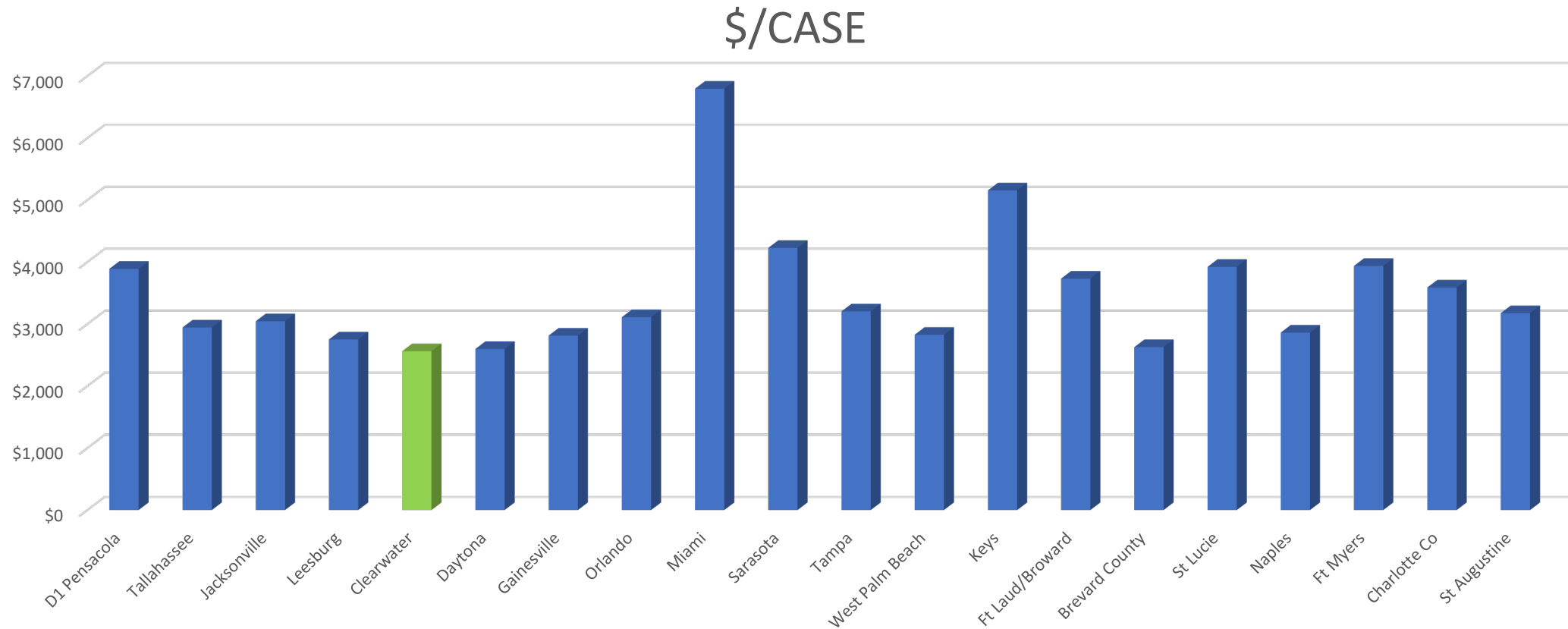


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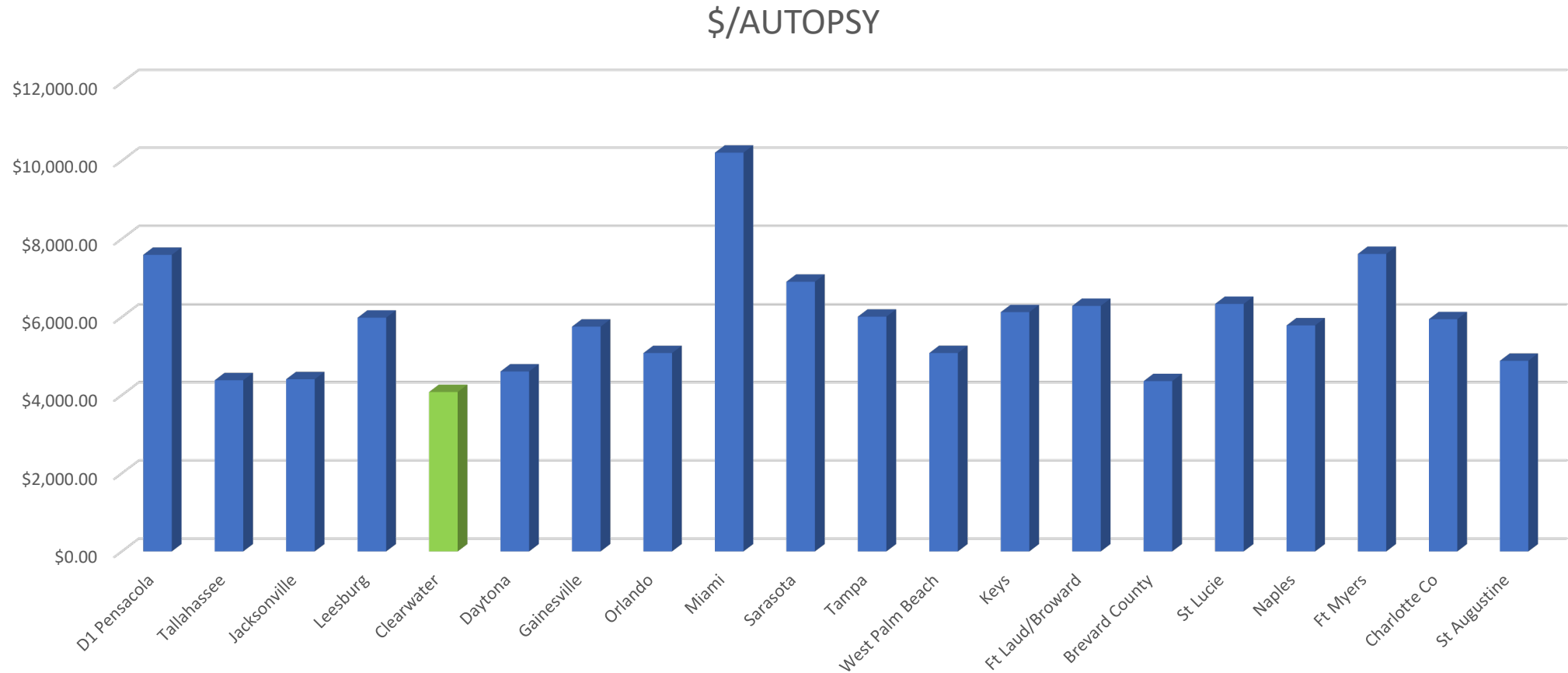
- Drug OD rate drop 2023, 2024, and 2025
- Reduced autopsy load
- Eliminated one doctor position



Medical Examiner Cost Comparison

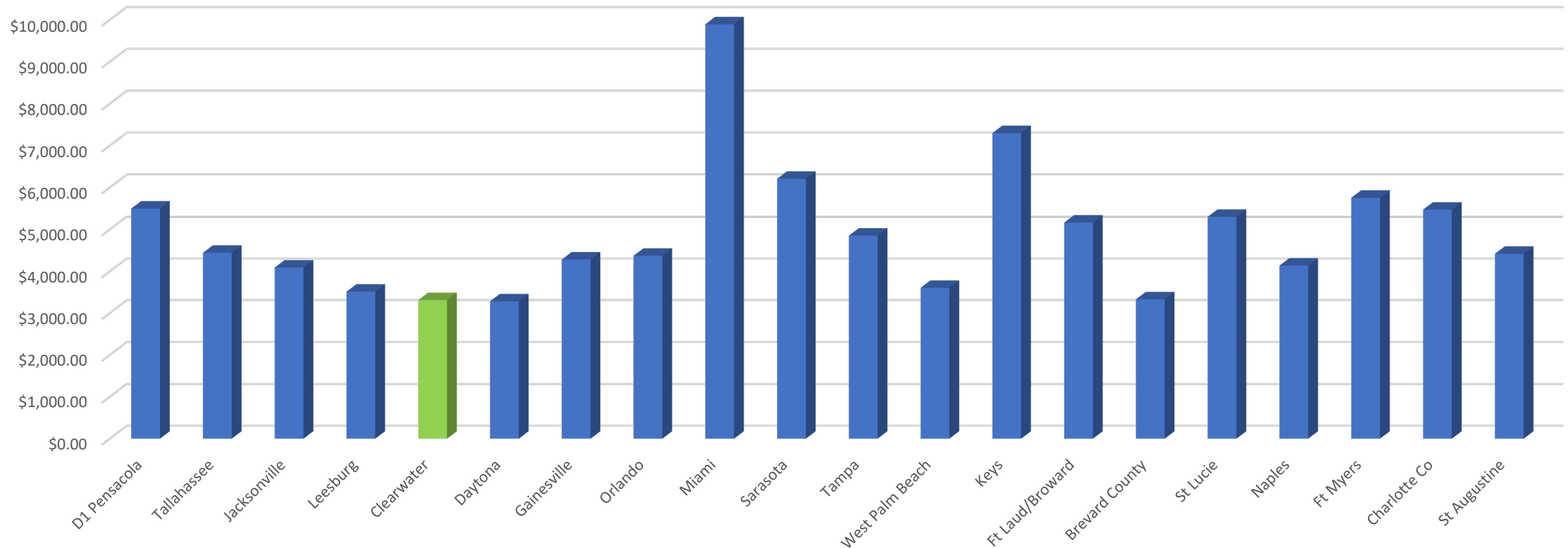


Medical Examiner Cost Comparison



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\$/Violent Death



Forensic Laboratory

- Maximus Award for the fifth consecutive year
- Half of all public crime labs report (~200)
- Award given to any laboratory that operates at least 90% efficiency based on established benchmarks

FORESIGHT MAXIMUS AWARD

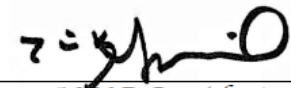
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in recognition of superior performance by achieving at least 90% peak efficiency for the 2022-2023 Foresight reporting year.

Presented the 1st day of May 2024.





ASCLD President



Cost per Case (FY24)

All Labs - Foresight Project				
Cost Per Case (USD)	Pinellas County	25th Percentile	Mean	75th Percentile
Toxicology: Blood Alcohol	159	141	234	357
Biology: DNA	726	1320	1623	2418
Chemistry: Seized Drugs	143	318	428	568
Chemistry: Fire Debris Analysis	501	1926	3083	4865
Biology: Serology	305	888	1213	2049
Toxicology: DUI Drugs	536	582	738	996
Toxicology: Post Mortem	589	641	858	1097

Turn around time (FY24)

All Labs - Foresight Project				
Average Turn Around Time (days)	Pinellas County	25th Percentile	Mean	75th Percentile
Toxicology: Blood Alcohol	17	17	29	39
Biology: DNA	27	112	141	164
Chemistry: Seized Drugs	15	52	73	92
Chemistry: Fire Debris Analysis	19	29	97	130
Biology: Serology	13	57	69	87
Toxicology: DUI Drugs	22	42	69	84
Toxicology: Post Mortem	23	59	80	91

Outlook and Strategies

- Continue to look for efficiencies while retaining staff
- Explore grants and other income
- Explore regional laboratory opportunities
- Attempt to simplify budget in coming years

