

Steve Perch
Chief Toxicologist
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Steve Perch has been the Toxicologist with the Summit County Medical Examiner's office for the past 19 years. He also serves as a consulting Lab Director for the Oriana House laboratory and the Akron Police Forensics Lab. Before joining the Medical Examiners, he was with Akron City Hospital for 25 years and managed several departments including Toxicology, Chemistry and Hematology.

With the Medical Examiner's office, Steve provides forensic lab services for several counties as well as over 35 law enforcement agencies. He holds a state permit as Lab director for the Akron Police Department and as CLIA director for Oriana House laboratory.

Steve received a Biology degree from the University of Akron, and did his Toxicology training at The Medical College of Ohio (MCO) as well as Pharmacology studies through NEUCOM. He holds Toxicology certification through the National Registry in Clinical Chemistry and Chemistry certification through the American Society of Clinical Pathology

Steve has had publications in several Journals including "American Journal of Emergency Medicine", "Journal of Analytical Toxicology" and "Journal of Chromatography". He has given numerous presentations which include training sessions for the Ohio Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, Association of Municipal/County Judges Conference, SOFT Conference, and local Schools and Law Enforcement.