

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## Quarterly Examination

The Alabama Board of Funeral Service will administer its quarterly state law examinations on **Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.**, in Room P-103 of the Gordon Person Building, 50 N. Ripley St., Montgomery, Alabama. Those who applied by the deadline and will be admitted to the exam are the following:

Adam Lee Pryor, Alvie R. Pace, Amber Leigh Gilbert, Angela Faye Hutchison, Angie Rebecca Toney, Anthony Fitzgerald Long, Anthony Jacori Powell, Ben McClary Crox III, Bradley Noel Smith, Carol Elizabeth Bolton, Cynthia Lynn Battles, Glenn J. Davis, Gregory Dale Fanin, Jeffery Glenn Huggins, Jeffrey Scott Heaton, Jessica L. Bowen, Joseph C. White, LaChaune Nicole Slater, Marcus Traci Freeman, Martha S. Riley, Matthew Scott Padgett, Michael Laine Davis, Robert Franklin, Serigo Sandehoy Andrews, Sherman Austin Bailey, Thomas Darrin Yarbrough, Van Stephen Moore, Wilbert McClure, William E. Cooper, William Tony Wilson, Zachary Blake Ellis, Renoll Terrell Morgan

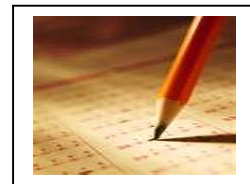
## The Conference

As stated in previous notices, the funeral director and embalmer exams will be given by The Conference through Pearson VUE testing centers at five locations statewide. All applications may be obtained from our office but exam fees and applications will be submitted to The Conference, while the license fees, applications, and affidavits will be submitted to the Board office. Each applicant still must pass the state law exams given by the Board quarterly in Montgomery before being approved for licensing.

The Conference: [www.theconferenceonline.org](http://www.theconferenceonline.org)

Phone: 479-442-7076

Pearson VUE:  
Birmingham: 205-982-2063  
Decatur: 256-552-0667  
Dothan: 334-671-7007  
Mobile: 251-343-2601  
Montgomery: 334-271-8995



## The Board

The Board will hold its second regular meeting of fiscal year 2011 at 11a.m. in Room P-103 of the Gordon Person Building. Anyone who would like to appear before the Board or have matters discussed should notify the Board office by January 12, 2011, in order to be placed on the agenda. Matters or subjects not on agenda are not guaranteed for discussion at the meeting.

## Past Due!

2010 Inspection fees are now past due. Please remit payment at once. Establishments that have failed to submit past due inspection fees may be subject to further disciplinary action by the Board.

\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE MAKE NOTICE AVAILABLE TO ALL EMPLOYEES.

## State Funeral Director & Embalmer's Exam

The Alabama State Funeral Director & Embalmer's Exam is now administered by the International Conference. The International Conference is the same agency that administers the National Funeral Director's & Embalmer's Exam. The Conference has their minimum passing score set at 75%. In accordance with the Alabama state funeral law §395-X-2-.01 and §34-13-94(c), the passing score for the **Alabama State Funeral Director's Exam and Embalmer's Exam** is 70%. If your score is between 70% and 74% after taking the exam, the print-out from the Conference will say that you failed, when you have actually **PASSED!** The Board cannot change the scoring practices of the Conference. If there are any questions regarding this matter, you may call the Board office.

Alabama State Exam administered by The Conference  
PASS/FAIL STATISTICS  
FISCAL YEAR 2009-2011\*\*

2009	TAKEN	PASS	FAIL	PASS %	FAIL%
<b>DIRECTOR (*)</b>	43	16	27	37.2%	62.8%
<b>EMBALMER</b>	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
<b>STATE LAW</b>	87	73	14	83.9%	16.1%
2010	TAKEN	PASS	FAIL	PASS %	FAIL%
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	37	9	28	24.3%	75.7%
<b>EMBALMER</b>	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
<b>STATE LAW</b>	64	53	11	82.8%	17.2%
2011	TAKEN	PASS	FAIL	PASS %	FAIL%
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	7	2	5	28.6%	71.4%
<b>EMBALMER</b>	1	0	1	0.0%	100.0%
<b>STATE LAW</b>	22	20	2	90.9%	9.1%

\* No formal education courses for Funeral Director are required by the Board.

## Congratulation Licensees

*"Continue raising the standards. Those who are sincere about the funeral business will qualify those who are not will fall away."*

~Joe Lewis

Lewis & Lewis

Ozark, AL

At its last meeting, the Board approved the following for licensure:

### Funeral Director:

Joe Amos Kent  
Dwight L. Henderson  
Jerry Lynn Curry  
Robert J. Deaton  
Mark J. Dainel  
Fred M. Gunter

### Embalmer:

Kevin Andrew Dawkin  
James W. Thompson, III

### Funeral Director & Embalmer:

Hernan Iriarte  
Brandia S. Copeland  
Richard L. Osborn, Jr.  
David Kent Graddy  
Michael Tharp  
Mark M<sup>c</sup>Daniel, Jr.  
Brandon O'Shea  
Nehemiah E. Harden  
Robert J. Pike

### Establishment:

Cremation Center of Birmingham  
Leeds, AL

Goodman Memorial  
Wetumpka, AL

Christian Memorial  
Pell City, AL

Saints  
Florence, AL

Alabama Cremation & Mortuary Service  
Birmingham, AL

Small's Mortuary  
Fairhope, AL

**Schedule of Inspections  
2009 and 2010 Fiscal Years**

Inspections	2009	2010
Pass	441	446
Fail	13	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>460</b>

Violation	2009	2010
Minor	38	99
Major	13	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>113</b>

**Violations with Charges**

Charge	Number of Counts	Section of Law Violated	Penalty
The establishment did allow the embalming preparation of human remains to be conducted by a person who was not a licensed embalmer.	2	Section 34-13-112, <u>Code of Alabama, 1975</u>	Fined \$300.00 for each count. Suspension of establishment license and managing embalmer's license for 60 days, stayed for 2 years
Funeral arrangements were being conducted by a person who was not a licensed funeral director.	1	Section 34-13-70(a), <u>Code of Alabama, 1975</u>	Fined \$500.00. Suspension of establishment license and managing funeral director's license for 30 days, stayed for 2 years

## Inspection & Law Highlights

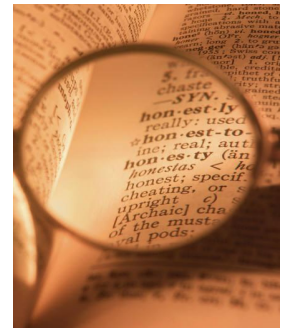
**§34-13-110** . No person not licensed as a funeral director or embalmer shall be permitted to perform the functions of a funeral director or embalmer.

**§34-13-52b** . Every license issued under this chapter shall be displayed in the place of business or employment of the licensee (**Note:** If an establishment use a trade embalmer or part-time funeral director his/her license(s) should be posted also.)

**§22-19-5 - (a)** Each funeral establishment taking possession of a dead human body shall maintain an identification system approved by the Alabama Board of Funeral Service. The identification system may include any dignified method, including, but not limited to, an arm band or a wrist band, that will ensure the ability to identify the body from the time of taking possession of the body until the body is transferred to another entity or until final disposition.

**§395-X-6-.06** . In addition to the identification systems as provided in §22-19-5, Code of Ala. 1975, the Alabama Board of Funeral Service hereby provides that non-detachable ankle braces are deemed as an approved method of identification of dead human bodies in the possession or custody of a funeral establishment in this state.

**§34-13-56** . n. Refusing to promptly surrender the custody of a dead human body, upon the express order of the person lawfully entitled to the custody thereof.



*“What’s right is not always popular, and what’s popular is not always right.”*  
~Carole J. Banks  
Jones Unity  
Monroeville, AL

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