



# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## FUNERAL DIRECTORS, EMBALMERS and CREMATIONIST **DO NOT RENEW THIS YEAR.**

### *APPRENTICE ONLY Renewal Time & Online System*

The renewal period for **APPRENTICES ONLY** for fiscal year 2020 will begin July 15, 2019. Apprentice certification renewal applications for fiscal year 2020 will be emailed to apprentices. The deadline to renew without penalty is October 1, 2019. Failure to receive a notice does not excuse anyone from renewing by the deadline. **Apprentices will continue to renew their certificates annually by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.**

*ONLINE RENEWAL* is available for apprentices **ONLY** by going to the Homepage of the Alabama Board of Funeral Service website ( [www.fsb.alabama.gov](http://www.fsb.alabama.gov) ) and click on the “ONLINE SERVICES” button. A valid credit card will be needed to complete the online renewal. There will be a 4% administration fee added to each certificate that is renewed using the online system. It is extremely important that online users verify that the information (i.e. address, email address, etc.) listed on their profile is correct and current. By ensuring the information is correct and current, it ensures that the apprentice certificate is mailed to the correct address and that all apprentice are receiving the Board’s correspondence.

**Anyone who does not renew their apprentice certification by the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, may still renew with a \$100.00 late penalty per certification until October 31, 2019. If you fail to submit your paperwork and fee, including late penalty, for renewal by the October 31, 2019 deadline, the certification will be considered lapsed. At which time the apprentice must CEASE and DESIST all practice. Any paperwork and fees received after the October 31st deadline must go before the Board for reactivation approval.**

**\*\*All renewals must be *IN* the board’s office by October 1, 2019, and not just posted marked by October 1, 2019. Any renewal received, whether by mail, online renewal, or hand delivered, after October 1, 2019 must include the \$100.00 late penalty per certification.**

#### Apprentice Renewal Check List:

1.	Renewal Application	YES / NO	If any of these items are not received and 100% complete, the Board will not renew the apprentice certification. Incomplete items and missing items will result in the entire renewal packet being return. Any packets received after October 1, 2019 will be charged the late penalty per certification.
2.	Renewal Fee	YES / NO	
3.	Annual Report (Funeral Director and/or Embalmer)	YES / NO	
4.	Case Report – Evaluation (Funeral Director and/or Embalmer)	YES / NO	
1.	Proof of Enrollment in an accredited Mortuary Program or Bachelor Degree	YES / NO	

If you renew online, Items #3 - #5 above may be upload through the “Online Service” function on the Board’s website. If you have any questions, please contact the Board’s office at 334-242-4049.

## ***Board Meeting***

The Board will hold its fourth regular meeting of fiscal year 2019 on **July 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.** in Room 304 of the Alabama State House. Matters or subjects not on the agenda are not guaranteed for discussion at the meeting. **Licensees who attend the quarterly board meeting will receive hour for hour CE Credits for attending.**

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## ***Board of Directors***

Mark N. Craddock, Chair  
*District One*

Lorenzo Wright, Treasurer  
*District Two*

Lance Brooks  
*District 3*

Bart Kirtland  
*District Four*

John C. Rudder, Secretary  
*District Five*

Calvin Meadows, Vice-Chair  
*District Six*

Annie Bushelon-Holt  
*District Seven*

Ed Hines  
*Consumer Member*

Bobby Burt  
*Consumer Member*

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## ***Examination***

The Alabama Board of Funeral Service has certified the following individuals with The Conference as having met the qualification to take the Alabama State Law Exam and the Alabama Funeral Director and/or Embalmer Exam:

***Rhett Gannon Morrison***      ***Christie Joy Bullard***

Steps to taking the Alabama State Art, Science, or Law exam:

1. Submit application to the Board office for permanent license.
2. Eligibility will be verified and sent to The Conference by the Board staff.
3. Applicants must then go to The Conference website at [www.theconferenceonline.org](http://www.theconferenceonline.org) to submit their exam application and payment.
4. Please keep in mind, processing takes anywhere from 2-3 business days. The Conference must have your eligibility, application, and payment to schedule. You will be notified through email once you have been processed and you are able to schedule.

## ***The Conference***

As stated in previous notices, the Funeral Director and Embalmer's exams will be given by The Conference through Pearson VUE testing centers at five locations statewide. The exam fees and applications are to be submitted by the applicant to The Conference. The state license fees, applications, and affidavits shall be submitted to the Board office.

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

Phone: 479-442-7076

Pearson VUE:	Birmingham	Decatur	Dothan	Mobile	Montgomery
	205-982-2063	256-552-0667	334-671-7007	251-343-2601	334-409-9355

## State Law Exam

The remaining 2019 dates for the LRR Exam and the deadline for registration are as follows:

<b>Alabama State Laws, Rules, and Regulations (LRR) Exam Schedule</b>	
<b>Deadline to Register</b>	<b>Exam Date</b>
July 2, 2019	July 9, 2019
July 29, 2019	August 5, 2019
September 3, 2019	September 10, 2019
October 1, 2019	October 8, 2019
October 29, 2019	November 5, 2019
December 3, 2019	December 10, 2019

**\*Funeral Director/Embalmer LRR Exam Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**\*Cremationist Exam Time: 10:30 a.m.**

**\*The candidate must arrive at the exam location no later than 30 minutes prior to the exam.**



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

### **Funeral Director**

Phil S. Mills, Jr

### **Embalmer**

Rodney M. Brown

Joseph Bonner-Bey

### **Cremationist**

Courtney L. Medicus

Charles Dove

Corey Nelson

Toni Byrd

Robert Byrd

John R. Milstead

Matthew G. Kinsey

Billy T. Boland

Brad Linville

Sherry Linville

Ronald J. Shirley

Courtney M. Lomg

Kenneth D. Arthur

John M. Corbett

**Funeral Director & Embalmer**

Shannon K. Ginn	Larry G. Moore, II	Madison B. Brown
Victoria M. Allen	Kimberly J. Anderson	LaShirley D. Hunter
Edward L. Benefield	Alicia J. Taylor	Chaterika T. Martin
Christian E. Jensen, Jr.	Clarence West	

**Reactivation**

Funeral Director &amp; Embalmer: 1

**Establishments**

Memorial Funeral Home	Ownership Change	Prichard
Dillard Funeral Home	Buy-out	Brundidge
Dillard Funeral Home	Buy-out	Troy

**Laws, Rules, and Regulations Exam  
(April 2019 – June 2019)**

Given: 15 Passed: 14 Failed: 1

**Background Checks**

Performed: 43

**Application Received (April 2019 – June 2019)**

Apprentice Director: 22	Cremationist: 4	SP Director: 2	SP Embalmer: 0
Apprentice Embalmer: 13	Funeral Director: 14	Embalmer: 7	Establishment: 6
Mortuary Service: 0			

**Licenses & Certifications Issued (April 2019 – June 2019)**

Apprentice Director: 21	Cremationist: 2	Mortuary Service: 0	Establishment: 3
Apprentice Embalmer: 15	Funeral Director: 9	Embalmer: 5	Provider: 2

**INSPECTIONS:** Completed: 227 Un-Complete: 240

<i>Active Licenses as of June 15, 2019</i>						
<i>Establishments</i>	<i>Mortuary Service</i>	<i>Funeral Directors</i>	<i>Embalmers</i>	<i>Practical Embalmers</i>	<i>Apprentice Funeral Directors</i>	<i>Apprentice Embalmers</i>
467	2	1496	823	50	215	143
<i>Crematory</i>	<i>Cremationist</i>					
55	180					

License status can be verified at [www.fsb.alabama.gov](http://www.fsb.alabama.gov) under the “Licensees” tab.

### *Inspection Citations*

The following inspection citations have been issued for violations of the funeral service law:

<b>Inspection Type</b>	<b>Violation</b>	<b>Fine Amount</b>
Annual Inspection	State Identification Form for each cremation not being completed	\$500.00
Annual Inspection	Current License(s) not posted	\$200.00

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**Onsite Providers****Academy of Graduate Embalmers**

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staff@ageg.org

**Alabama Board of Funeral Service**

334.242.4070  
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**Alabama Funeral Directors & Morticians Association, Inc.**

Ferragamo8@yahoo.com

**Alabama Funeral Directors Association**

334.956.8000  
alabamafda.org

**Environmental Biological Services, LLC**

205.445.1037  
johnf@ebsalabama.com

**Funeral Compliance, LLC**

865.405.7085  
brad@365osha.com

**Funeral Directors Life Insurance Company**

678.522.1845  
terri.bannister@funeraldirectorslife.com

**Georgia Funeral Directors Association**

770.592.8002  
christie@gfda.org

**Homesteaders Life Company**

515.440.7739  
wsizemore@homesteaderslife.com

**International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association**

703.391.8400  
danielo@iccfa.com

**International Order of the Golden Rule**

512.334.5504  
jridlesperger@org.org

**Dr. Jason Troyer**

865.748.0582  
DrJasonTroyer@gmail.com

**Jefferson County Funeral Directors and Mortician Association**

205.746.4153  
Fredrickscott131@bellsouth.net

**Jefferson State Community College**

205.856.7847  
vriley@jeffersonstate.edu

**Kates-Boylston Publications**

732.746.0201  
tparmalee@katesboylston.com

**Life Celebration**

888.887.3782  
bgivnish@lifecelebration.com

**Matthews Aurora Funeral Solutions**

812.926.5684  
mrussell@matw.com

**Memoriams, by Ancestry**

720.863.3811  
sheintz@memoriams.com

**National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association, Inc.**

770.969.0064  
membership@nfdma.com

**National Funeral Directors Association**

800.228.6332  
nfdna.org

**Selected Independent Funeral Homes**

847.236.9401  
stefanief@selectedfuneralhomes.org

**Smalls Mortuary Inc. and Cremation Services**

251.990.3929  
smallsmortuary.com

**Stericycle, Inc.**

716.435.8179  
RLBestNY@gmail.com

**The Dodge Company, Inc.**

800.443.6343  
www.dodgeco.com

**The Independent Funeral Group**

865.997.0027  
info@theindependentfuneralgroup.com

**Online Providers****APEX (Continuing Education Solutions)**

800.769.8996  
www.apexces.com

**Batesville Casket Company**

812.934.6751  
www.batesville.com

**Cremation Association of North America**

312.245.1077  
www.cremationassociation.org

**Dignity University**

844.431.4357  
Dignity.university@Sci-us.com

**Elite Professional Education, LLC**

888.857.6920  
www.elitecme.com

**Funeral CE (a service of Web CE)**

877.332.8480  
www.funeralce.com

**Funeral Continuing Education**

718.608.6000  
www.funeralcontinuingeducation.com

**Funeral Direct Ed**

727.505.8746  
www.Funeraldirected.com

**Funeral Service Academy**

888.909.5906  
www.pdhacademy.com

**International Order of the Golden Rule**

512.334.5504  
www.ogr.org

**National Funeral Directors Association**

800.228.6332  
www.nfdna.org

**Practicum Strategies**

800.731.4714  
www.pshomestudy.com

**Cremation Training**

**American Crematory Equipment Company**  
562.926.2876  
david@americancrematory.com

**B & L Cremation Systems**  
727.541.4666  
epazos@blcremationsystems.com

**Cremation Association of North America**  
312.245.1077  
www.cremationassociation.org

**National Funeral Directors Association**  
800.228.6332  
www.nfda.org

**Matthews Environmental Solutions**  
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