



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

CONTINUING EDUCATION

GET STARTED!

The 2020-2022 reporting period began October 1, 2020. ALL licensees (that's cremationists too), are required to complete eight (8) hours of board approved continuing education during the period of October 1, 2020 through October 1, 2022. Courses completed prior to October 1, 2020 may not be used for the 2022 renewal. *Do not send completion certificates to the Board's office, they are for your records. Providers report all completions electronically.*

ONLINE PROFILE...

Licensees can view reported course completions via "online services" on the Board's web site www.fsb.alabama.gov. Please take the time to review your online profile and CE completions that have reported. Questions related to a course completion should be directed to the provider who provided the program. Course completions are uploaded by the provider via the online portal.

BBP/UP... WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Included in the required eight hours of continuing education, licensees must complete BOARD approved courses in ETHICS and BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN/UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS. There are no hour requirements for these two courses. Most online providers offer courses that will satisfy these two requirements. Confirm that the provider and courses are BOARD approved prior to registering. A list of approved providers is attached to this newsletter for your convenience.

Cremationists, whose crematory operator training course is over four years old, must complete a re-fresher course, crematory operator training, or a course in cremation approved by the Board, prior to the license being renewed.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



If you will be celebrating your 65th birthday before October 1, 2022 and have 10 years of service in the funeral industry, congratulations, you are exempt from the continuing education requirements! Many wishes for a happy year if you have celebrated a birthday since the last Quarterly Newsletter.

BOARD MEETING

The Board will hold its third regular meeting of fiscal year 2021 on **April 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** in the **Room 304 of the Alabama State House located at 11 South Union Street, Montgomery, AL 36104**. Matters or subjects not on the agenda are not guaranteed for discussion at the meeting. **Due to the inability to ensure social distancing guidelines are met as a result of COVID-19, the public will not be allowed to attend this meeting in person, but may participate in the meeting via Zoom using the following access information:**

Topic: ABFS Quarterly Board Meeting

Time: April 5, 2021 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8689984378?pwd=RIAXaUZ5VjVqcmluYktCRHowVXpKZz09>

Meeting ID: 868 998 4378

Passcode: 36104

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+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

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Passcode: 36104

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kd8LiawkTz>

COVID-19

The Board continues to support the recommendations issued by the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) be followed. The CDC guidelines can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/funeral-guidance.html> The ADPH guidelines can be found at: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/index.html>.

EXAMINATION

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

Jon Stacey Sanders

Lakesha O'Briant

Jason Bealsey

Logan Kelley

Cornelius Henderson

Karl K. Bell

Bonnie Baugh

Horace Carson

Applicants for the Alabama State Art or Science exam shall:

1. Submit application for permanent license to the Board's office.
2. Eligibility will be verified by the Board's staff and sent to The Conference.
3. Applicants must register with The Conference at 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 an exam. You will be notified by email when you are eligible to schedule.

THE CONFERENCE

The Funeral Director and Embalmer's exams are given by The Conference through Pearson VUE testing centers at five locations statewide. The exam application and exam fee are submitted to The Conference by the applicant. The licensing application, application fee, and affidavits shall be submitted to the Board office.

The Conference: 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 2020-2021 dates for the LRR Exam and the deadline for registration are as follows: Applications and fees must be received prior to the deadline listed below in order for an applicant to be registered for the LRR Exam. If the registered applicant fails to appear for the exam, the registration fee is forfeited.



Alabama State Laws, Rules, and Regulations (LRR) Exam	
Deadline to	Exam Date
November 2, 2020	November 9, 2020
December 1, 2020	December 8, 2020
January 5, 2021	January 12, 2021
February 2, 2021	February 9, 2021
March 2, 2021	March 9, 2021
April 6, 2021	April 13, 2021
May 4, 2021	May 11, 2021
June 1, 2021	June 8, 2021
July 6, 2021	July 13, 2021
August 3, 2021	August 10, 2021
September 7, 2021	September 14,
October 5, 2021	October 12, 2021
November 2, 2021	November 9, 2021
December 7, 2021	December 14, 2021

***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.**



The following licenses were approved during the January Board meeting

Funeral Director

Christal Stantley
Micah McCulloch
Stanley Coopridner
William Fleming

Jason Crum
Shannon Lott
Lisa Currier
Amy Tadlock

Nicholas Sherman
Marcus Collins
John Grubbs

Funeral Director & Embalmer

Carl Wilson
Andrew Wackerle

Charles Fricks
Joseph Klootwyk

Benjamin Curtis
Marques Weary

Cremationist

Joseph Hughes
Maurice Ward
David Smith
Baraka Truss

Hayes Wright
Gabriel Maxwell
Tiffany Sims
Karen Smith
Louie B. Hughes III

Jon Davidson
Robert Morgan
Duana Shears
Courtney Tinsley

Reactivation

Funeral Director: 2

Establishments

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home, Gardendale	Buy Out
Dunklin Funeral Home, Greenville	Buy Out
Dunklin Funeral Home, Camden	Buy Out
Eternal Rest Funeral Home Services, Irvington	New
Kenmar Family Funeral Home, Bayou La Batre'	New
Wolfe Gulf Shores, Gulf Shores	New
Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, Birmingham	Buy Out
Currie-Jefferson Funeral Home, Hoover	Buy Out

Active Licenses as of March 9, 2020

Establishments	473	Crematories	62
Mortuary Services	1	Cremationists	232
Funeral Directors	1468	Apprentice Funeral Directors	216
Embalmers	812	Apprentice Embalmers	129
Practical Embalmers	48	CE Providers	29
Special Work Permit-Director	1	Special Work Permit-Embalmer	1
Special Work Permit-Cremationist	1		

Laws, Rules, and Regulations Exam (12-9-2021 – 3-9-2021) Given: 13 Passed: 11 Failed: 2

Background Checks (12-9-2021 – 3-9-2021) Year to date: 115

Consent Agreements (10-1-2020 to 1-1-2021)

Case Number	Violation		Penalty
	Statute(s) Code of Alabama, 1975	Administrative Code Chapter 395	
ABFS20-0008	34-13-11(c);(d); 34-13-117;34-13-56(c)(2)(dd)		Establishment and Funeral Director license Surrendered
ABFS20-0011	34-13-56(c)(2)(dd)		Fine \$1000.00 Managing Funeral Director, Establishment and Apprentice probation 1- year
ABFS20-0016	34-13-56(c)(2)(i), 34-13-70(a);34-13-5601(a)(2)		Fine \$5000.00 Managing Funeral Director, probation 1- year Establishment, 60-day suspension stayed for 2 years

ABFS20-0020	34-13-56(c)(2)(dd);34-13-11(b)(2);(3)		Fine \$2500.00
ABFS21-0001	34-13-56(c)(2)(v)	395-X-4-.03	Fine \$2500.00 Managing funeral director & Establishment probation 1 -year
ABFS21-0005	34-13-56.1(c)(2)(i); 34-13-70(a);34-13-56.1(a)(2)		Fine \$3000.00 Managing Funeral Director and Establishment probation 1-year
ABFS21-0006	34-13-56(c)(2)(i); 34-13-70(a); 34-13-56.1(a)(2)		Fine \$5000.00 Managing Funeral Director and Establishment probation 6-months

<u>2020-2021 Inspection Citations</u>		
Annual Inspection	Are Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations on Public Display?	\$200
Annual Inspection	Is area being used as storage?	\$100



Alabama Funeral Services Statues Code of Alabama 1975, Section 34-13-9 Pricing requirements.

“Funeral service, cemetery service, and funeral merchandise pricing shall conform to rules established by the Federal Trade Commission...” The inspection citation for pricing requirements that do not meet rules established

by the Federal Trade Commission is **\$500.00**, or Administrative Fines **up to \$2500.00 per violation**. Establishments may submit price lists to the Board’s office, which will be reviewed for compliance with the Federal Trade Commission Funeral Rule.

Continuing Education Providers

Onsite Providers		
Academy of Graduate Embalmers P.O. Box 1248 Dallas, GA 30132 770.445.3180 academyga@outlook.com	Alabama Board of Funeral Service P O Box 309522 Montgomery, AL 36130 334.242.4070 denise.grogan@fsb.alabama.gov	Alabama Funeral Directors & Morticians Association, Inc. PO Box 2687 Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
Alabama Funeral Directors Association PMB 380, 7956 Vaughn Rd Montgomery, AL 36116 334.956.8000 alabamafda.org	Funeral Compliance, LLC P O Box 122 Rockford, TN 37853 865.405.7085 brad@365osha.com	Georgia Funeral Directors Association P O Box 1865 Roswell, GA 30077 770.592.8002 christie@gfda.org
Homesteaders Life Company 5700 Westown Pkwy West Des Moines, IA 50266 515.440.7739 wsizemore@homesteaderslife.com	International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association 107 Carpenter Dr. Suite 100 Sterling, VA 20164 703.391.8400 natalie@iccfa.com	International Order of the Golden Rule 3502 Woodview Trace Indianapolis, IN 46268 512.334.5504 acastille@org.org
Jefferson County Funeral Directors and Mortician Association 301 Martin Luther King, Jr, Dr. SW Birmingham, AL 35211 206.639.7548 kboyd@davenport-harris.com	Jefferson State Community College 2601 Carson Road Birmingham, AL 35215 205.856.7841 vriley@jeffersonstate.edu	Life Celebration 125 Hartman Road North Wales, PA 19454 888.887.3782 bgivnish@lifecelebration.com

Matthews Aurora Funeral Solutions

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Aurora IN 47001
812.926.5684
mrussell@matw.com

The Dodge Company, Inc.

9 Progress Road
Billerica, MA 01821
800.443.6343
emcavoy@dodgeco.com

National Funeral Directors Association

13625 Bishop's Drive
Brookfield, WI 53005
800.228.6332
nfd.org

The Independent Funeral Group

503 National Drive
Maryville, TN 37804
865.405.7085
info@theindependentfuneralgroup.com

Stericycle, Inc.

342 Robin Hill Drive
Williamsville, NY 14221
716.435.8179
RLBestNY@gmail.com

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

4520 S. 1st Street
Austin, TX 78745
800.769.8996
www.apexces.com

Elite Professional Education, LLC

26 N. Beach Street, Ste. A
Ormond Beach, FL 32174
888.857.6920
www.elitecme.com

International Order of the Golden Rule

3502 Woodview Trace
Indianapolis, IN 46268
512.334.5504
www.ogr.org

WebCE

12222 Merit Drive, Ste. 500
Dallas, TX 75251
877.488.9308
www.webce.com/products/funeral-ce

Cremation Association of North America

499 Northgate Parkway
Wheeling, IL 60090
312.245.1077
www.cremationassociation.org

Funeral Continuing Education

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Red Bank, NJ 07701
718.608.6000
www.funeralcontinuingeducation.com

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Brookfield, WI 53005
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Dignity University

1929 Allen Parkway
Houston, TX 77019
844.431.4357
Dignity.university@Sci-us.com

Funeral Direct Ed

2054 Brian Ave
South Dayton, FL 32119
727.505.8746
www.Funeraldirected.com

Practicum Strategies

11 Erindale Drive
Marlton, N.J. 08053
800.731.4714
www.pshomestudy.com

Crematory Operator Training**B & L Cremation Systems**

7205 114th Ave North
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Matthews Environmental Solutions

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International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association

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Sterling, VA 20164
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US Cremation Equipment

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CONTACT THE PROVIDER FOR COURSES DETAILS

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