

# North Carolina Board of Funeral Service

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The next meeting of the Board will be 9 a.m. Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at the Board offices, 1033 Wade Avenue, Ste. 108, Raleigh, NC 27605. Hearings are scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2009 also at the Board offices. The agenda for the meeting can be viewed by [following this link](#).

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BOARD ACTIONS- Actions and Results from the October 9 Board meeting:

- A. Approved a recommendation from Laws, Rules and Legislation committee to adopt revisions to the 2010 renewal forms. The Board also received a report from the committee on proposed rules regarding renewals for licensees deployed in combat operations as active military personnel.
- B. Approved a recommendation from the Traineeship committee to adopt revised monthly report forms and the form reference guidelines for trainees.
- C. Approved two claims totaling approximately \$ 3700.00 plus interest related to Howell Funeral Home and Mark Howell.

## 2009 WINTER CONTINUING EDUCATION CLINIC

The Board will host a clinic on Friday, November 20, 2009 at the McKimmon Center on the campus of NCSU. The clinic will feature two sessions held simultaneously. The session for embalmers will include presentations on preparation and restoration of head trauma, delayed embalming, new restorative techniques and discussion on the use of formaldehyde in the future. The funeral service session will feature "Navigating Cremation Statistics", "Laws and Rules Update" and "Celebrants: Changing the Course of Funerals". Both sessions are approved for 5 hours of continuing education credit. The clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the fee will be \$35.00 per attendee.

SWINE FLU: Reports indicate the number of cases is at a level usually expected in later in the flu season. Licensees are encouraged to get vaccines from their health care providers. As part of the Board's planning for other potential events a list of suggestions for reducing the risk of exposure has been developed. [Please follow this link to access the list](#). Additional information can be found at the following links:

[NC Public Health webpage](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Swine Flu webpage](#)

[http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/post\\_mortem.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/post_mortem.htm)

<http://www.nfda.org/index.php/additional-tools-disaster/1686-h1n1-swine-influenza-flu-outbreak-information-and-resources>

[National Swine Flu Information Page](#)

## OUR SYMPATHIES ARE EXTENDED TO THE FAMILIES OF:

- **Larry T. Brevard**, of Thos. Shepherd & Son Funeral Directors, Hendersonville who died October 9, 2009.
- **J. Michael Johnson**, of Massey Funeral Home, Enfield who died October 27, 2009.

## FRAUD NOTICE

Beware of attempted fraud using the relay operator for the hearing impaired. So far these have been a variation of previously reported instances involving deaths outside the United States. The recent reports include these common factors:

- A. Use of the relay operator for the hearing impaired by a person claiming to be a "family member" of the deceased.
- B. The "family member" is out of state or the country and cannot be reached except through the relay operator.
- C. The deceased is out of state and a funeral home in the other state has custody of the remains. In at least one case, the "family member" provided the name of a real funeral home. In the other reports, the local funeral home could not confirm the existence of the out of state funeral home.
- D. The telephone number for the out of state funeral home is provided by the "family member". (This did not match the published number in the case of the real funeral home cited in item C above.) Reports are consistent that a male with a heavy foreign accent answered when the local funeral homes called to confirm the details.
- E. The "family member" requests the local funeral home to arrange for a grave space at a local cemetery.
- F. The "family member" provides a credit card number for the local and out of state expenses and then directs the local funeral home to arrange a wire transfer of money for the charges from the out of state funeral home.

## THE BOARD OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED:

- **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY**
- **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> AND FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING.**