

North Carolina Board of Funeral Service

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Next meeting of the Board is 9 a.m. Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at the Board offices, 1033 Wade Avenue, Suite 108, Raleigh, NC 27605. The agenda will be posted by January 4 and can be viewed by [following this link](#).

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS-

The Board recently solicited the opinion of the Federal Trade Commission regarding the Casket Price List. Specifically, a question arose as to whether casket(s) in your funeral home which are not part of your normal inventory (test market, sample, etc) are required to be on the list. The FTC Staff opinion states that so long as the particular casket does not have to be "special ordered," it must be on your Casket Price List.

The FTC has also increased the maximum penalty for violations of the Funeral Rule from \$10,000 to \$16,000. This would be a good time to review your GPL, CPL and OBCPL for compliance, and to insure *everyone* on your staff knows where to find a GPL in your establishment. Everyone is required to provide a copy to anyone who asks for one at your establishment.

2013 Individual license and Establishment permit renewals were due back by December 31, 2012. If you have not returned your renewal form and fee, do it ***now!***

REMINDER: The new NCBFS-PN5, Certificate of Performance for a Preneed Funeral Contract is now required effective January 1, 2013:

<http://www.ncbfs.org/1cop.pdf> .

There is a new version of NCBFS ISG&S, the Inflation-Proof Preneed Statement of Goods & Services Selected on the Board website. This new form simply adds more lines in the "Additional Services" and "Additional Merchandise" sections. You can begin using the form now; if you are using printed forms currently, continue to use them until you run out.

TRAINEE CORNER

We continue to receive late trainee reports. Remember, both the Trainee and the manager are responsible for timely submission of reports.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

It's a new year...is one of your resolutions to complete Continuing Education early? There are a number of CE opportunities already listed on the Board website.

SYMPATHIES ARE EXTENDED TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Walter D. Dafford, Jr., founder of Dafford Funeral Homes in Dunn and Angier, who died on December 9, 2012.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

CASE FILE NUMBER: M12-030

TRAINEE: Erin Harden

SUMMARY: Ms. Harden failed to file two trainee reports on time.

BOARD ACTION: The Board adopted a consent order revoking her traineeship. Ms. Harden may reapply for a traineeship on March 1, 2013.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 12, 2012.

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Happy New Year!