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# FCSCS News and Update

**REMINDER: Be sure to review the Synopsis of Council Meeting Minutes monthly on Council's website for important information for licensees!**

## Items of Interest


- Legislative Changes Licensing Procedures - Salespersons
- 2012 On-line License Renewal
- Compliance Update
- Continuing Education


## *Legislative Changes Licensing Procedures - Salespersons*

The restrictions faced by funeral directors not licensed as salespersons to deal with pre-arrangements have been a matter of discussion for some time.

Accordingly, the Legislative Committee has reviewed the matter and recommended amendments to bylaw 2050, Licensing Procedures-Salespersons, which was approved by Council at their September 15, 2011 meeting.

Effective January 1, 2012 each licensed funeral director shall be issued a salesperson's license at no additional cost.

While this change will now allow a funeral director to engage in pre-need activities for which they are already licensed to provide on an at-need basis, it will be left to the discretion of the owner if he or she wishes for all funeral directors under their employ to sell prepaid contracts.

As a result of this amendment, when you renew your 2012 funeral director's license on-line, the system will now automatically block the salesperson option box. Upon submitting your 2012 renewal a combined funeral director and salesperson licensee card will be forwarded to you.

## *2012 On-line License Renewal Reminder*

Just a reminder the 2012 license renewals are due to Council office no later than midnight Wednesday, November 30th, 2011.

In order to renew your license, please visit our website at www.fcscs.ca and log in. Once you are logged in please click on Submission Forms, Renewal Forms and click on the form you wish to submit. In addition, please remember that your continuing education credits must be entered prior to submitting your on-line renewal. Failure to do so will result being unable to access the on-line renewal form.

## *Compliance Update*

As of October 1st, 2011 there have been 95 compliance reviews completed since January 1st, 2011. Eight complaints have been received since January 1st, with two from a consumer and six from other sources.

# *Continuing Education*

**Crematorium Technician Training Course**

The Saskatchewan Crematoria Council Inc. will be conducting a Crematory Technician Certification Training Workshop at Prairie View Crematorium on Saturday October 29th, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Under the Funeral and Cremation Services Council of Saskatchewan legislation Crematorium Technicians must be certified and completion of this course of instruction is one of the requirements to receive certification. In addition this course is approved for 4 continuing education credits for licensees who are attending this course for the first time.

For Crematorium Technicians who are already certified, attendance at the workshop will fulfill the mandatory continuing education requirements of the new Best Management Practices of the Saskatchewan Crematoria Council.

If you wish to register please visit our website at www.fcscs.ca and click on the News and Events page where you can find the registration form. Registration forms can be mailed or faxed to the Saskatchewan Crematoria Council Inc. at (306) 665-1095.

**On-line Legislative Awareness Course**

The Funeral and Cremation Services Council of Saskatchewan is charged with administering the Funeral and Cremation Services Act, Regulations and Bylaws of Council. Council in partnership with the Funeral Service Association of Canada is pleased to announce the forthcoming release of an on-line Legislative Awareness Course.

This course was designed to provide Saskatchewan licensees with an understanding of the legislative framework that governs the funeral profession in Saskatchewan.

Stay tuned to Council's website for upcoming information on the availability of this on-line course which will serve as another option for continuing education for licensees.

**Preceptor Training Course**

The Funeral and Cremation Services Council of Saskatchewan will be offering a Preceptor Training Workshop at no cost to the participants. As a requirement of the bylaws, all interns shall be under the supervision of a preceptor who has completed the Preceptor Training Course.

This course is allotted 6 continuing education credits for first time attendees. Those who are attending for a second time are eligible for 3 continuing education credits, however the course is currently being revised in response to input from previous participants in the internship program.

In addition to learning the roles of the Intern, Preceptor and Mentor, participants will understand the differences of a multi-generational workforce, identify their coaching skills and be better able to assist Interns in acquiring the competencies to complete their internship.

As September marked the beginning of the 2011/2012 SIAST program for Funeral Directors and/or Embalmers this may be an appropriate time to consider becoming a Preceptor. The course is open to all licensees who are interested in attending.

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