



Funeral and Cremation Services Council of Saskatchewan

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FCSCS Newsletter

2015 License Renewal & Continuing Education

Just a reminder that license renewal season is once again upon us. The 2015 license renewals are due at Council office no later than midnight Sunday November 30, 2014. All license renewals can be completed online by signing into the secure portion of Council's website. Next click on submission forms and click on the applicable form under "Renewal Forms".

A number of inquiries have been received by Council administration in relation to continuing education requirements for the 2015 licensing year. Please note that any licensee carrying the designation of EFDS will need 8 continuing education credits in order to obtain their 2015 license. An FDS or single designation of S or E would require 4 continuing education credits.

If you have any questions regarding the 2015 licensing process please do not hesitate to contact Tanya or Kim at the Council office.



Did You Know?

Victim Services has increased compensation for victims of violent crimes in Saskatchewan, for offences committed on or after October 1, 2014.

The changes are the largest enhancement since the program's inception in 1992. Under the changes, the maximum compensation for victims increases to \$100,000 from \$25,000 and compensation for funeral expenses increases from \$1,500 to \$5,000.

Offences involving motor vehicle-related deaths have been added to the list. Two new categories provide counseling compensation for homicide witnesses and child witnesses of domestic violence. There is also compensation for lost wages for parents and other persons accompanying a child victim or an adult victim with a disability to medical counseling appointments related to the victimization.

Courtesy of Global News Regina—October 1, 2014

Compliance Update

As of October 1, 2014, there have been 96 compliance reviews completed since January 1st, 2014. Twelve complaints have been received since January 1st, eight from consumers and four from other sources.

2014 Regional Forums

Two Regional Forums have been scheduled in November. One in Swift Current and the other in North Battleford. Lunch will be provided at both Regional Forums and there is no fee to attend. Licensees attending a Regional Forum will be granted 3 continuing education credits for their attendance and participation.

Wednesday November 12, 2014

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
1301 North Service Road E

Swift Current, SK

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday November 13, 2014

Western Development Museum
Yellowhead Highway

North Battleford, SK

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Attending a Regional Forum is a great opportunity to learn of Council initiatives and to discuss any matters of interest! We encourage all licensees and students alike to attend and participate if possible.

For lunch purposes please contact Kim or Tanya at Council office by November 6th at the latest if you would like to attend and specify which location you prefer.

Food for Thought

A licensee has suggested that embalmer funeral directors may wish to discuss with their doctor the subject of Hepatitis A and B booster shots. Are they needed and how do you find out?

The licensee had this conversation with their doctor who added it to the usual list of blood work. The results were such that the doctor recommended it was time for a booster shot for protection.

News from the Saskatchewan Crematoria Council Inc. (SCC)

The Saskatchewan Crematoria Council Inc. will be conducting a Crematory Technician Certification Training Workshop in Regina on **Saturday December 13, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Regina Memorial Gardens, Highway #1 East (behind Peavey Mart)**. Course materials and manuals will be provided. Lunch and refreshment breaks included.

Pursuant to Bylaw 2060 under the Funeral and Cremation Services Council of Saskatchewan (FCSCS) Student Crematorium Technicians must be certified. Successful completion of this workshop will fulfill part of the requirements for certification. For those participants intending to use the workshop towards attaining this certification with the FCSCS a test must be completed and sent to the instructor for grading. Test results will be sent to the participant and the FCSCS. **Fee for the workshop and additional testing and administration is \$200.**

For Crematory Technicians already certified with the FCSCS attendance at the workshop will fulfill the mandatory continuing education requirements of the Best Management Practice of the Saskatchewan Crematoria Council Inc. **For those participants attending for this purpose the fee for the workshop is \$125.**

Registration form is attached. If you have any other questions regarding this upcoming workshop, please contact Bill Edwards of Saskatoon Funeral Home at (306) 244-5577.

Submissions for this newsletter are invited. The views expressed are those of the contributor and are not necessarily endorsed by, or are the policy of, The Funeral and Cremation Services Council of Saskatchewan.

Crematory Technician Certification Training Workshop

Date: Saturday, December 13th, 2014
Time: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Location: Regina Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home
 Highway # 1 East Regina, SK (behind Peavey Mart)
Instructors: Larry Stewart Jr. CMS Tulsa Oklahoma
 Blair Derkachenko SCL Saskatoon, SK. CANA Certified
 Jason Prentice Commercial Burner

INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

8:30	Best Management Practices, Saskatchewan Crematoria Council Review of SCC Mandatory Best Management Practices
9:45	Break
10:00	Workshop Part I
12:00	Lunch Break
12:30	Workshop Part II
2:15	Break
2:30	Workshop Part III
4:00	Technicians' Trouble Shooting Round Table Discussion (optional)

Course materials and manuals will be provided. Lunch and refreshment breaks included. The workshop will include on-site walk through and discussion of equipment operation.

REGISTRATION

 Company Type of Cremator

 Address

 Phone Fax email

Name of participant (s)	Please Indicate			Fee
	Credits Only	- or -	Credits & Certification	
_____	[] x \$ 125	[] x \$ 200	\$ _____	
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Total Workshop Fee \$ _____

Method of Payment:

Cheque Payable to The Saskatchewan Crematoria Council Inc
 Box 2061 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 2S7

Credit Card Number _____ [] Visa [] MC [] AE Expiry Date

Fax Registration and credit card payment to 1-306-665-1095

Note: For those participants intending to use the workshop toward attaining Saskatchewan Certification a test must be completed and sent to the instructors for grading. Test results will be sent to the participant and the Regulatory Authority. Fee for the Workshop and additional testing and administration is \$200.00 as indicated above.