

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
NEW INDUSTRY
PROFESSIONALS &
FACILITES**

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Austin Larson

Dionna Brown

Justin Brown

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LifePlan

Horizon Funeral Care

Allen Cremation Center Horne

Aspen Cremation

A Legacy Funeral Home Rose

Chapel

A Legacy Funeral Home

Chandler

Norvel Owens Mortuary of

Flagstaff

Samaritan Funeral Home –

Ahwatukee

Samaritan Funeral Home –

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ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS

First Quarter, January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022

Inspections

Facility inspections are conducted to ensure compliance with Arizona State Statute, Arizona Administrative Code, OSHA requirements and Standards of Care and practices within the death care industry.

Total Inspections Conducted: 29

New Application Inspections: 10

Establishment Inspections: 20

Crematory Inspections: 9

2020-2021 Inspections Reviewed and Closed: 17

Out of Compliance Inspections: 14

Investigations

Every complaint that meets the requirements of investigation per the Statute and Rules that govern the death care industry are investigated and presented to the Board for review.

Total Complaints Received (2022, 1st quarter): 15

2022 Investigations Closed: 1

2020-2021 Investigations Closed: 11

Total Investigations Presented: 12

Dismissed: 10

Letter of Concern: 3

Discipline Imposed: 2



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"To create and maintain a balance between fair and equitable business regulation and the protection of the public's health, safety and welfare in the use and purchase of goods and services required for death."

IMPORTANT UPDATES

During the first quarter Board staff reviewed applications received for the vacant Administrative Assistant position. Several candidate resumes were selected and forwarded for further review. Interviewing is currently being conducted to fill the position.

Additionally, in January 2022 the Executive Director presented to the Arizona House of Representatives and the Arizona Senate regarding the Sunset Review Hearing for the Board. Currently, the Board is scheduled to sunset on July 1, 2022; however, extension bill HB2123 is currently making its way through the legislative process. If this bill passes, the Board will be extended until March 2023 with the intent to modify and potentially restructure the licensing and regulation structure of the industry.

The 18 month follow-up for the Sunset Review will begin at the end of April beginning of May 2022. This follow-up will be conducted by the Auditor General's Office.

Board staff is preparing for the upcoming renewals to start in May 2022.

Currently, there is a vacancy on the Board for an industry member and public member.

IMPORTANT LINKS

[Annual Trust Reports](#)

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*Samuel Bueler, Chairman/Industry Member – Amie Gazda, Secretary/Industry Member
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