

**CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW
INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS &
FACILITES**

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Affordable Burial and Cremation
Arizona Affordable Cremation & Burial
Desert Lawn Funeral Home
Desert Lawn Funeral Home and Advanced
Planning Center
Desert Lawn Memorial Chapel and Funeral
Home
Desert Lawn Funeral Home Lake Havasu
Mohave Memorial Funeral Home and
Crematory
Regency Mortuary and Cremation
ABC Crematory
Sunset Memorial Crematory
Samaritan Funeral Home and Cremation
Services-Phoenix
Samaritan Funeral Home and Cremation
Services-Chandler

ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS

First Quarter, January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023

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: 10

New Application Inspections: 9

Establishment Inspections: 7

Crematory Inspections: 3

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 (2023, 1st quarter): 7

2023 Investigations Closed: 1

2022 Investigations Closed: 11

2020-2021 Investigations Closed: 15

Total Investigations Presented: 29

Dismissed: 18

Letter of Concern: 4

Discipline Imposed: 5

Informal Interview: 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 attended and presented at several meetings with State legislatures regarding the continuation of the Funeral Board and pending legislation SB1210.

As of March 31, 2023, the Board terminated under HB2123, which was passed last legislative session; however, pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-2956, the Board has authority to continue its daily operations for six months after the termination date to conclude the Agency's affairs.

The pending legislation SB1210 is to eliminate the State Board and transfer the regulatory responsibilities of the funeral industry to the Arizona Department of Health. As this legislation has not passed the House or been transmitted to the Governor's Office yet, the licensing and regulation of the industry is a fluid situation. The Board is hopeful to have additional information to share with applications, licensees and the public once it is available.

At this time, the Board and Board staff will continue to conduct the daily duties and functions of the Agency as instructed under A.R.S. § 41-2956 and Arizona Revised Statutes Title 32, Chapter 12 is still in effect.

IMPORTANT LINKS

[Annual Trust Reports](#)

[Consumer Guides](#)

[Vital Records – DAVE System](#)

[License Search](#)

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