

DISTRICT MEETINGS



**Join us for a day of Continuing Education
with a NEW format**

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Lunch Served 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

We hope you will join your fellow funeral service professionals for timely programs and knowledgeable presenters from the Independent Funeral Group.

"OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens, Hazard Communication, & Updates"
presented by Brad Kuchnicki, Executive Director

"The Disconnect Dilemma: A New Playbook for Cremation"
presented by Christi Moon Robbins, Marketing and Member Relations

*Each engaging workshop will offer attendees **two sessions** with the opportunity to earn up to **four (4) hours of continuing education credit** and a dedicated **lunch break** for connecting with suppliers and colleagues.*

FREE FOR GFDA FUNERAL DIRECTOR MEMBERS (CE CREDITS AND LUNCH)

PRE-REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED FOR MEAL AND SEATING HEADCOUNTS

District 1W - Tuesday, November 4
Marietta, GA

District 1E - Wednesday, November 5
Dawsonville, GA

District 2 - Tuesday, November 11
Perry, GA

District 3 - Wednesday, November 12
Thomson, GA

District 4 - Tuesday, November 18
Moultrie, GA

District 5 - Wednesday, November 19
Waycross, GA

PRESENTERS



BRAD KUCHNICKI



CHRISTI MOON ROBBINS

Dr. Brad Kuchnicki, Ed.D

Executive Director-The Independent Funeral Group
East Tennessee Cremation Company
Funeral Director/Embalmer/Crematory Operator

"OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens, Hazard Communication, & Updates"

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

This course provides a concise yet comprehensive overview of OSHA regulations specifically applicable to funeral homes and cemeteries (SIC 7261). Participants will gain a clear understanding of general health and safety requirements and their underlying rationale. A significant portion of the course focuses on the Exposure Control Plan (29 CFR 1910.1030), covering its background, objectives, assignment of responsibility, exposure determination, job classifications, and the crucial implementation of universal precautions. The course emphasizes sharps management, including the Needle Stick Safety and Prevention Act, proper sharps disposal, and the maintenance of a Sharps Injury Log (29 CFR 1904). Participants will also learn about handwashing facilities, work area restrictions, handling contaminated equipment, and the appropriate selection and use of personal protective equipment (PPE), including a detailed inventory and job title-specific PPE requirements. The course will also address housekeeping practices, including cleaning and decontamination schedules, ensuring a safe and compliant work environment. Finally, the program will finish with Bloodborne Pathogens (29 CFR 1910.1030) and will meet the annual Federal Requirements pertaining to Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV wrapping up with OSHA updates.

Lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Non-sponsoring suppliers are welcome to join us for lunch

Christi Moon Robbins

Funeral Director/Embalmer/Cremationist
Family Cremation Center Coordinator
East Tennessee Cremation Company
Marketing and Member Relations
The Independent Funeral Group

"The Disconnect Dilemma: A New Playbook for Cremation"

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

This course confronts the disconnect or confusion we as funeral professionals experience between death until the return of cremated remains. From the transfer process to the mechanics of the crematory, we'll decode each step, highlight regulatory responsibilities, and expose common communication failures. Learn how to close the trust gap with the public with clarity, transparency, and tools your team can use immediately. Whether you're in the arrangement room or operating the cremation unit, this course equips you with a smarter, safer, and more confident cremation playbook.