All Funeral Service Associations

Re: NFDA Calls for Volunteers To Work In COVID-19 “Hot Spots”

The National Funeral Directors Association is reaching out to all funeral service associations for your help in enlisting volunteers who can travel to COVID-19 “hot spots” experiencing high death rates in order to lend on-the-ground assistance.

Given the likelihood that the COVID-19 pandemic will get worse before it gets better, NFDA is asking for funeral service professionals who can assist in areas where infections and deaths are rapidly climbing. NFDA plans to maintain a list of volunteers who can mobilize quickly should it receive federal, state and/or local requests for assistance.

We are asking for your help to get the following information out to your members:
Funeral service professionals willing to volunteer can click here to fill out a form. The form asks potential volunteers to be as specific as possible with the kind of assistance and expertise they can offer. (If any of your members have already volunteered on the NFDA website, they do not need to provide their information again.)

NFDA anticipates providing volunteers deployment information sometime within the next few weeks, if not sooner. Specific information on locations, licensure reciprocity, expense reimbursement and travel will be provided prior to volunteer deployment.

Please know that NFDA stands ready to support funeral directors everywhere—NFDA member or not—so funeral service professionals can carry out their mission. In the words of statesman William Ewart Gladstone, “Show me the manner in which a nation or a community cares for its dead. I will measure exactly the sympathies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land, and their loyalty to high ideals.”

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