

CREMATORY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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ADVANCED CREMATORY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The Ohio Cemetery Association in conjunction with Matthews Cremation Division will be hosting their second Crematory Operator Certification Program at the OCA Annual Convention. This program was so well received last year that we are pleased to be offering it again. This course is a 7 hour educational program designed to raise the level of knowledge and understanding of the design, operation, and maintenance of cremation equipment as well as day to day operations. Matthews Cremation Division, the leaders in Crematory Operator Certification are qualified and approved to train in all 50 states including states currently requiring certification. MCD certification is valid for 5 years from the program date.

In addition to the Crematory Operator Certification Program, this year we are pleased to announce that an additional class, *Advanced* Crematory Operations will also be offered. This course is for the experienced operator looking to further their knowledge. Topics include Ethics & Professionalism in the Crematory, Advanced Operating Techniques, Cremation Liabilities and a series of professionally prepared series of operational videos that demonstrate each step of the cremation process. The *Advanced* course is not a certification course.

The Ohio Cemetery Association is working to establish approval for continuing education credits for funeral directors who take these courses that are licensed in the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. The Crematory Operator Certification will be held on August 7, 2014 at the Marriott Cincinnati-North at Union Centre. Registration for this course is \$395.00. The *Advanced* Crematory Operations course will be held at the same location on August 8, 2014. Registration for this course is \$195.00. Participants who register for both courses enjoy a reduced registration rate of \$495.00 for both sessions. Room rates for guests staying at the Marriott will be available at a later date. To register for these courses, please contact Rufus Slade at 937-673-1952 or email rufus@woodlandcemetery.org.