

# **THE FUNERAL BOARD OF MANITOBA UNDER THE FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS ACT**

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**IN THE MATTER OF:**      *The Funeral Directors and Embalmers Act C.C.S.M. c. E70*

**IN THE MATTER OF:**      An allegation that Gordie S. Wevursky, a funeral director (the  
"Licensee") contravened the The Funeral Directors and  
Embalmers Act and Regulation.

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## **DISPOSITION AND REASONS**

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**Hearing Date:**              March 25, 2013

**Panel:**                      Susan Boulter, Chair  
                                 Robert Clarke  
                                 Father C. Fred Olds

**Licensee:**                    Gordie S. Wevursky

**Counsel:**                    Sean Boyd, for the Board  
                                 Tom Dobson, for the Board

**Board Inspector:**        John Delaney

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**Disposition:**

- The Panel finds that the Licensee, did not comply with Section 8.1(f) of The Funeral Directors and Embalmers Regulation M.R. 387/97 R because he failed to meet the requirements of continuing education and continued to work as a Funeral Director from January 1 to February 19, 2013 without a licence in contrary to Section 8(1) of the Act.
  - The Panel finds it appropriate that in this case, Licensee be fined \$1,000.00 and ordered to pay \$600.00 in costs.
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## Reasons

The hearing was held on March 25, 2013. The Licensee appeared without counsel. The Licensee admitted to failing to complete the requirements for continuing education and apologized for this failure. He acknowledged that due to his failure to complete these requirements he was not immediately issued a license for the 2013 year. As a result he practiced as a funeral director without a license from January 1, 2013 to February 19, 2013.

The Licensee stated he was first licenced in 1990 and is a second generation Funeral Director. In addition to his work he serves the community on the municipal council and several committees and acts as a volunteer fire-fighter. He stated that as a volunteer fire-fighter he had 76 calls from 3 to 14 hours in duration in 2012, and has taken courses related to his fire fighting responsibilities. Essentially the Licensee said he was very busy and had difficulty finding the time to take the required courses. He also indicated that it was difficult for him to find courses to take and suggested that the Board should prepare a list of courses.

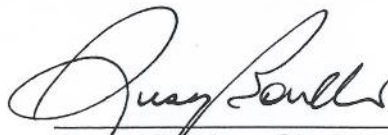
The Panel finds that the Licensee did not complete the required continuing education requirement and operated without a licence. The Licensee did acknowledge the breach and apologized. This is also the first time the Licensee has appeared before the Board on a disciplinary matter since he was first licensed in 1990.

The Panel notes that the Licensee appears to have had ample time to take courses related to his responsibilities as a volunteer fire-fighter and suggests that the Licensee should have prioritized his professional responsibilities as a funeral director.

The Panel finds that this action constitutes a contravention of the Act and Regulation, fines the Licensee \$1,000.00 and orders the Licensee to pay \$600.00 in costs.

May 21, 2013

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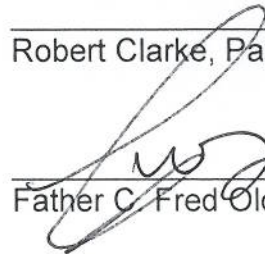
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Under section 12(5) of *The Funeral Directors and Embalmers Act*, this decision may be appealed to the Court of Queen's Bench within 30 days after receipt of these reasons.