

481—901.13(156) Removal technician supervision and requirements.

901.13(1) A removal technician will serve under the direct supervision of an Iowa licensed funeral director, will only perform removals at the direction of the supervising funeral director, and may act in place of a funeral director only in performing a removal. Another funeral director, who is authorized by the supervising funeral director, may direct the removal technician in the temporary absence of the supervising funeral director.

901.13(2) Any Iowa-licensed funeral director who meets the following conditions is eligible to be a supervisor:

- a.* Has been practicing for a minimum of five years;
- b.* Has not had any formal disciplinary action within the past five years with the board of mortuary science; and
- c.* Is employed by a funeral establishment that has not had any formal disciplinary action within the past five years.

901.13(3) A removal technician seeking registration will complete an application on forms provided by the board and remit a fee in the amount of \$50 to the board. The application will include the applicant's full name, date of birth, and home address; the name and license number of the removal technician's supervising funeral director; and the name and address of the funeral establishment primarily employing the removal technician. A registration is effective for five years and may be renewed within 60 days of expiration. A removal technician will advise the board in writing of any change in supervisor or funeral establishment within 30 days.

901.13(4) The supervising funeral director will:

- a.* Ensure the removal technician completes the education training program described in rule 481—901.12(156) and is registered as a removal technician with the board;
- b.* Be physically present and directly supervise the removal technician's first five removals;
- c.* Ensure the removal technician performs its duties as outlined in subrule 901.13(5);
- d.* Not supervise more than three removal technicians; and
- e.* Not have more than six registered removal technicians employed by the same funeral establishment, or any funeral establishment owned, operated, or affiliated with that funeral establishment.

901.13(5) Removal technicians will:

- a.* Be employed full- or part-time by the Iowa-licensed funeral establishment;
- b.* Complete the requirements of rule 481—901.12(156) and have their first five removals completed in the physical presence of and directly supervised by their supervising Iowa licensed funeral director;
- c.* Comply with subrule 900.4(1) on behalf of their supervising licensed funeral director, including providing their signature and registration number when removing a human remains from a hospital, nursing establishment, or any other institution involved with the care of the public.

901.13(6) Removal technicians will not:

- a.* Advertise or hold themselves out as a funeral director or use the acronym "F.D." or any other title or abbreviation indicating that the removal technician is a funeral director;
- b.* Engage in any duties of a funeral director outside of performing a removal, including but not limited to the duties of a funeral director enumerated in 481—paragraphs 900.2(1) "b" through "f."

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