



National Training Workshops

- The South African Cemeteries Association (SACA) in conjunction with South African Local Governments Association (SALGA) hosted National Training Workshops in South Africa. The training workshops provide education via regular communication to provide standardized, uniform practices to ensure the sustainability of Cemetery and Crematoria services. **SACA** is a non-profit organisation registered with the Department of Social Development. **SACA** plays a pivotal role in entrenching the goals/objectives of making **South Africa** a dynamic world class country. The objective is to encourage municipalities, organisations and institutions to support and partner with our initiatives which are driven by sustainable development principles to achieve the goals of a better **South Africa**.
- The National Training workshops is aimed to capacitate Municipal officials responsible for the operational management of cemeteries and crematoria. The training incorporates both theory and practical sessions and encompasses the vision and objectives of SACA.
- The Training is well received and it addresses many gaps that exist across most municipalities that represent legal compliance on the development and management of cemeteries in both urban and rural areas.
- As part of adding value on our Training Workshops, we have introduced an evaluating test/assessment as a yard stick to gauge the level of comprehension on the legal aspect of training, which will ultimately be incorporated in all our future trainings, going forward.
- The last day of the training is a field trip to a cemetery and attendees are awarded with certificates of Attendance.
- In our recent training in the Western Cape, SACA has established a networking partnership within the private sector (Durbanville Memorial Park).

BOOK NOW FOR THE NATIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP
INCLUDE THIS TRAINING IN YOUR MUNICIPALITY'S
WORKPLACE SKILLS PLAN WITH SACA, A NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION, TODAY!

The 3 day National Training Workshop covers the following topics:

- Constitution
- Establishing Cemeteries
- Crematoria
- Burial and Legislation
- Occupational Safety
- Hazards in a cemetery
- Risk assessment
- Risk control
- Emergency procedures
- PPE
- Confined spaces
- Air Quality
- Infection transmission and control
- Manual handling
- Consulting with team mates about safety
- Administration of Burial Legal Obligation
- Accuracy of Information Social and administrative responsibility
- Burial Records
- Use of an Electronic Burial System
- Locating a grave site
- Sharing information in the workplace
- Communication when observing
- Identifying specific needs of families
- Communicating with the funeral director
- Measuring a plot
- Grave probes
- Grave Layout
- Grave Digging Practices
- Soil type
- Equipment use and maintenance
- Manually digging a grave
- Child grave
- Machine digging a grave
- Shoring Techniques
- Signs of grave collapse
- Collapsed grave consolidation
- Assessing and protecting the adjacent grave sites
- Preparing the grave site for family
- Backfilling graves
- Re-opening of graves and shallow graves
- Exhumations
- Crypts and mausoleums

Our Mission... *is to promote continuous improvement in the delivery of cemetery & crematoria services to all communities throughout South Africa.*

Training and Development... *is to design, to educate, to develop and to inspire employees to provide both Municipalities and the individual with Best Practices that make cost and time a worthwhile investment.*

Registration fees for members R3000 and non-members R3500
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KwaZulu Natal

Date: 24-26 May 2016 Venue: SALGA KwaZulu Natal

- South African Cemeteries Association (SACA) conducted a National Training Workshop on Cemeteries/Crematoria in May 2016 at the SALGA offices in Musgrave, Durban. The event was attended by representatives of the various municipalities in South Africa. The training initiative was hailed as successful based on the attendance, the seamless hosting of the event and the overall impact resulted from this.

Feedback of what was liked at the workshop:

- All presentations were good, but Risk opens my understanding.
- Health and safety in cemeteries and types of soil
- When colleagues share their experiences (from their municipality with us)
- Sharing of ideas with other provinces
- Learnt a lot from Durban that they didn't know
- The standard of the facilitators are very high, which means very good
- Different views
- Sharing the way/method of Grave logistics
- Material that was provided was very informative
- It was informative, shared light on issues that are experienced at the ground level that are not known to management
- It brought me to the realization that things that I regarded as of little value, have serious implications to the institution

Gauteng

Date: 11-13 Oct 2016 Venue: SALGA Gauteng

Feedback of what was liked at the workshop:

- Very informative, interactive, though provoking, sensitising; What was most interesting section for me were the legal aspects of burial which need to be in line with our by-laws constitution; Risk assessment and preventive measures; Record keeping; Constitutional matter when dealing with burials; I learned about the issue of environment infection transition and control and the saving of land and confined spaces; The allowance of discussions in all areas.



KwaZulu Natal

Date: 14-16 Feb 2017 Venue: SALGA KwaZulu Natal

Feedback of what was liked at the workshop:

- One of the highlights to this workshop was the practical field work, at the Mobeni Cemetery in Chatsworth; Registrations and practical aspects of burials; Sharing of experiences of different kinds and the field trip part was on point.



Limpopo

Date: 23-25 May 2017 Venue: SALGA Limpopo

Feedback of what was liked at the workshop:

- Confidence of the facilitator ; All the Presentations; Practical visit/demonstration; The facilitator was very knowledgeable and he could also draw from practical experience as he works with cemeteries; The information shared was the kind that will assist in my municipality.



Northern Cape

Date: 27-29 June 2017 Venue: Desert Palace Hotel, Upington

Feedback of what was liked at the workshop:

- The interaction and relevance of the topic; Ethics, Governance, Risk deals with all issues relevant to the subject matter; Exchange of ideas and best practices; Identification of hazards; The workshop did cover all the problems we encounter at our cemeteries and new method of burials, we didn't know; Gives more information on how to conduct exhumations of graves.



KwaZulu Natal

Date: 29-31 Jan 2018 Venue: King Cetswayo Municipality

Feedback of what was liked at the workshop:

- SACA trained Municipal officials from King Cetswayo Community Services Department. I like the way it was presented for example the use of a projector slides and a booklet, I liked it very much because it has brought an enlightenment in our job; I appreciate the site visit we did to behold practically what we discussed in class and I liked the presentation of videos and the discussion on them; The information imparted was great and it was interpreted in isiZulu as well.



KwaZulu Natal

Date: 27-29 Aug 2018 Venue: SALGA KwaZulu Natal

Feedback of what was liked at the workshop:

- The workshop format, from legislation to operating; Very informative and educational; Meeting people from other municipalities; The presentations were good and in detail; Videos were used to clarify.



Western Cape

Date: 9-11 Oct 2018 Venue: Durbanville Memorial Park

Feedback of what was liked at the workshop:

- All the topics were relevant to our work and allowing discussion; The venue, learning about the private cemeteries and comparing with municipal cemeteries; Presentations on risks and contaminants; Regulations relating to the management of human remain; The presentations and the operational manual which highlights crucial information both for public members and officials; Practical focus and the ability to introduce a crematorium to those who had never seen such a facility; Health and safety standards.

