



Texas Department of State Health Services
Vital Statistics

2011 Five-Star Funeral Home/Mortuary Service Registration Award

Criteria for Qualification

- **Timeliness:**
Complete and print 90% or Higher of all drop-to-paper death registrations within 5 days of death using Texas Electronic Registrar (TER) between January 1, 2011 and September 30, 2011.
Purpose: to allow for medical certifier's their 5 days to complete the medical certification [HSC §193.005(b)] on the death record so that the record can be filed not later than the 10th day after the date of death.
- **Training:**
Attend the 2010 Annual Vital Statistics Conference or one of the 2011 Regional Vital Statistics Conferences, and complete the on-line Texas Electronic Registrar (TER)-Death Registration Training at texasvsu-ed.org
- **Innovation:**
Complete better than the state average of all death certificates fully electronically using the Texas Electronic Registrar system.
Funeral homes and Mortuary Services that complete 90% or more of their records fully electronically will be considered for an Exemplary Five-Star designation.
- **Accuracy:**
90% or better of all Social Security Verification's return "Passed" for all records filed by your facility between January 1, 2011 and September 30, 2011.
- **Outreach:**
Use TER Post-It-Note Reminders on all drop to paper records delivered to the medical certifier for medical certification.

No application by the funeral home for the Five-Star Award is necessary. Winners will be awarded at the 2011 Vital Statistics Annual Conference.