



Cook County Funeral Director Conference

Office of the Cook County Medical Examiner
2121 W. Harrison St., Chicago
October 4, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

8:30-9:00	Registration and networking	
9:00- 9:50	The Funeral Director’s Role in Organ & Tissue Donation Debbie DeVito, Supervisor, Partner Relations, Gift of Hope	1 EMB
9:50-10:00	Break	
10:00-10:50	Approaching Families about Organ & Tissue Donation Emily Dillon, Manager, Donor & Family Advocates, Gift of Hope Samantha Golden, Manager, Donor Resource Center, Gift of Hope	1 FD
10:50-11:15	Working with the Cook County Medical Examiner’s Office Molly Rustenburg, L.F.D., Deputy Chief of Investigations, CCME office	0.5 FD
11:15-11:45	Donor Family Support Services Offered Renata Krzyston, Supervisor, Donor Family Services, Gift of Hope	0.5 FD
11:45-12:50	Lunch provided by Gift of Hope, time to network	
12:50-13:40	The Tissue Recovery Process Jacquelyn Babczak, Clinical Supervisor, Tissue Recovery Services	1 EMB
1:40-1:50	Break	
1:50-2:40	Forensic Investigation Cases on Authorized Donors Ponni Arunkumar, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner	1 FD
2:40-3:00	Final Questions and takeaways Partner Relations Team, Gift of Hope	0.5 FD

Total CE hours
3.5 Funeral Director
2.0 Embalming