

BREWSTER FUNERAL DIRECTOR RICHARD HAZZARD ELECTED
SECRETARY/TREASURER OF THE NYS FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

Albany, NY -- August 25 -- Richard Hazzard, owner and president of the Beecher Funeral Home in Brewster and the Dwyer Funeral Home in Patterson, was elected secretary/treasurer of the New York State Funeral Directors Association (NYSFDA) at the organization's annual meeting which concluded this week in Saratoga Springs, New York. A licensed funeral director since 1965, Hazzard will serve for the 2006-2007 term.

Hazzard is a member of the National Funeral Directors Association, the New York State Funeral Directors Association and the Putnam-Ulster-Dutchess Funeral Directors Association. He graduated from the Simmons School of Mortuary Science in Syracuse.

Active in community affairs, he is a member and former president of the Brewster Lions Club, a member and former president of the Brewster and Patterson Fire Departments and a member of the Brewster, Patterson and North Salem Chambers of Commerce. He also served in several capacities at the Putnam Hospital Center.

Founded in 1889, NYSFDA's mission is to promote the highest standards of funeral service to the public and to enhance the environment in which its members operate. More than 800 member firms and 3000 licensed funeral directors who operate across the state belong to the New York State Funeral Directors Association. In addition to maintaining a Website at www.nysfda.org, NYSFDA also publishes a newspaper column "Transitions" and brochures which educate and inform consumers about end-of-life issues.

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Editor's Note: For more information or to schedule an interview, please call Vera Nuspliger at 518-882-9816; cell 518-424-8719, Randy McCullough at 518-452-8230 or Richard Hazzard at 845-279-3615. Richard Hazzard's photo can be downloaded by visiting www.nysfda.org and clicking on "For the Media".

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