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Bureau of Emergency Preparedness and Response

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“Developing a comprehensive and compassionate response”

Speaker Biography

Paul R. Messinger

Paul Messinger was born in Michigan, came to Arizona in 1942, and grew up in Scottsdale. He Attended Phoenix College, Arizona State, and graduated from San Francisco College of Mortuary Science.

He is a licensed Embalmer and Funeral Director, and Creamationist and is the Past president of Arizona Funeral Directors Association. He is also the Past President and a 5 term member of the Arizona State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers.

He is a Former Scottsdale City Councilman and Vice Mayor, three term former Arizona State Legislator, and has served on Boards and Committees for various National Mortuary Associations

He is the Chairman of the Board and CEO of Messinger Mortuary & Chapel, Inc. A company he co-founded with his wife Cora in 1958.

He is a lover of history, and writes a bi-weekly column for the Arizona Republic.

He is married to Cora R. Messinger for 56 years. They have two sons, H. Kendrick Messinger & David W. Messinger.