

# FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO.1

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## 255 UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT POLICY

### **PURPOSE:**

This policy shall govern the classification, issuance and use of uniforms and equipment within the Department.

### **SCOPE:**

This policy is applicable to all personnel.

### **UNIFORMS DEFINED:**

#### **Class "A" Dress Uniform:**

This type of uniform includes all components of the Department Dress Uniform. This includes the dress coat, shirt, pants with ½” gold stripe down the outside of each leg, hat, belt, tie, shoes and also includes the Department Patch that is to be worn on the left shoulder of the uniform shirt and jacket only. Class "A" dress uniforms are typically worn for special functions including funerals, award ceremonies, parades, etc. It shall be at the discretion of the Ranking Officer to delete the jacket when the weather shall dictate same.

#### **Class "B" Duty Uniform:**

This type uniform includes the dark blue/black pants, uniform shirt, tie, belt, shoes and also includes the Department Patch that is to be worn on the left shoulder and the EMT patch (or highest level of EMS training aquired ex:Paramedic)on the right shoulder of the uniform shirt if applicable. Ties are optional at the discretion of the person calling for the uniform. Department issued job shirts may be worn in appropriate weather and EMT's / Paramedics may wear Dept. issued winter coats while on duty. All personnel may wear Dept. issued hats while on duty. All personnel shall be neat and clean, in good hygiene and shaven per POSHA regulations. All uniforms shall be kept clean and neat while on duty and shall not be worn on duty with any other organization. Only Dept. issued uniforms may be worn while on duty. Uniforms shall be replaced or updated as per Dept. policies. In lieu of a Class A uniform, Pier-diem EMTs / Paramedics shall wear their Class B uniform with a tie, tie tac, and navy blue hat (of the conductor style) for any special events were a Class A uniform is warranted.

#### **Class "C" Work Uniform:**

This type of uniform is usually intended for those activities that the Department is involved in whereby the members are representing the Department. This type of uniform consists of dark blue, black pants (or other approved by the person calling for the uniform), with a Department shirt and appropriate shoes. Dept. issued blue tee-shirt or wicking golf shirt and any other part of the of the Class "B" uniform as the Ranking Officer shall deem. Duty crews may wear this uniform on duty if

approved by an Officer and the heat index is above 90 degrees. EMS Duty may wear the navy blue wicking style golf shirt during the months of June, July, August & September as long as heat index is 90 degrees or higher. At all times, duty crews must match their partner.

### **BADGES, TIES AND INSIGNIAS:**

Length of service stripes shall be worn on the left sleeve of the Dress Uniform Coat. One hash mark for each five years of service shall be displayed. Persons having served as a Junior Firefighter may include that time as part of the service time. Gold hash marks are utilized for officers and / or past officers. Silver hash marks are utilized for firefighters.

#### **Insignias:**

- Commissioners - Star
  - Fire Chief, 5 horns, crossed
  - Deputy Chief, 4 horns, crossed
  - Battalion Chiefs, 3 horns, crossed
  - Captains, 2 horns EXCEPTION: Fire Police Captains will wear 2 Bars
  - Lieutenants, 1 horn EXCEPTION: Fire Police Lieutenants will wear 1 Bar
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- Officers and Commissioners collar insignias are to be worn in the center of the collar on each side of the neck at one inch above the collar point. When a uniform coat is worn, collar insignias shall be worn on the coat collar in the same position and manner as in the case of on a shirt.
  - Black oxford shoes and navy blue socks shall be worn.
  - Tie clips, if worn, are to reflect good style and taste, conducive to the uniform.

### **PERSONAL APPEARANCE:**

Personnel representing the Department shall appear as neat and well groomed as possible when representing the Department or participating in a Departmental Function. Uniforms shall be worn in the fashion they were designed while on duty or representing the department. There shall be no alterations made of any kind to said uniforms such as, cutting collars off, cutting collars in a V shape pattern, rolling up of sleeves making a “muscle shirt” or cutting the sleeves off.

### **UNIFORM MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT:**

All personnel are responsible for the cleaning and routine maintenance of their uniform and related components.

## **SHIRT AND ACCESSORIES COLORS:**

### **Commissioners:**

Commissioners uniforms shall be of navy blue pants with one, ½" gold stripe down the outside of each leg, a uniform jacket with white shirts, white hats (of the conductor type) and a navy blue tie. The proper color of all accessories shall be gold. This includes badges, tie clips, rank metals, service stripes, belt buckles and other accessory items that may be worn. Black oxford shoes and navy blue socks shall be worn. Commissioner designation shall be a Gold Star (\*) on ~~both~~ the right and left arms of jacket approximately 10" up from the bottom of the sleeve or equally spaced above past rank stripes on each arm .

### **Chiefs:**

Chiefs uniforms shall be of navy blue pants with one, 1/2" gold stripe down the outside of each leg, a uniform jacket with white shirts, white hats (of the conductor type) and a navy blue tie. The proper color of accessories shall be gold. This includes badges, tie clips, rank metals, service stripes, belt buckles and other accessory items that may be worn. Black oxford shoes and navy blue socks shall be worn.

### **Captains:**

Captains uniforms shall be of navy blue pants with one, 1/2" gold stripe down the outside of each leg, a uniform jacket with white shirts, white hats (of the conductor type) and a navy blue tie. The proper color of accessories shall be gold. This includes badges, tie clips, rank metals, service stripes, belt buckles and other accessory items that may be worn. Black oxford shoes and navy blue socks shall be worn.

### **Lieutenants:**

Lieutenants uniforms shall be of navy blue pants with one, 1/2" gold stripe down the outside of each leg a uniform jacket with white shirts, white hats (of the conductor type) and a navy blue tie. The proper color of accessories shall be gold. This includes badges, tie clips, rank metals, service stripes, belt buckles and other accessory items that may be worn. Black oxford shoes and navy blue socks shall be worn.

### **Firefighters:**

Firefighters uniforms shall be of navy blue pants with one, 1/2" gold stripe down the outside of each leg, a uniform jacket with *white* shirts, navy blue hats (of the conductor type) and a navy blue tie. The proper color of accessories shall be silver. This includes badges, tie clips, rank metals, service stripes, belt buckles and other accessory items that may be worn. Black oxford shoes and navy blue socks shall be worn. An exception to the above is in the case of a firefighter being an ex-line officer or Commissioner. In the event a firefighter is an ex-line officer or Commissioner he/she may then wear the same uniform as previously worn provided that he/she displays a badge that indicates that he/she is an "ex-line officer or ex-commissioner".

**FIRE POLICE:****Captain:**

Captains uniforms shall be of navy blue pants with one, 1/2" gold stripe down the outside of each leg and jacket with white shirts, white hats (of the conductor type) and a navy blue tie. The proper color of accessories shall be gold. This includes badges, tie clips, rank metals, service stripes, belt buckles and other accessory items that may be worn. Black oxford shoes and navy blue socks shall be worn.

**Lieutenant:**

Lieutenants uniforms shall be of navy blue pants with one, 1/2" gold stripe down the outside of each leg and jacket with white shirts, white hats (of the conductor type) and a navy blue tie. The proper color of accessories shall be gold. This includes badges, tie clips, rank metals, service stripes, belt buckles and other accessory items that may be worn. Black oxford shoes and navy blue socks shall be worn.

**Fire Police Member:**

Fire Police uniforms shall be of navy blue pants with one, 1/2" gold stripe down the outside of each leg and jacket with white shirts, navy blue hats (of the conductor type) and a navy blue tie. The proper color of accessories shall be silver. This includes badges, tie clips, rank metals, service stripes, belt buckles and other accessory items that may be worn. Black oxford shoes and navy blue socks shall be worn.

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