

675 DEPARTMENT / COMPANY REPRESENTATION AT FUNERALS

PURPOSE:

To provide a means by which deceased members will be honored and remembered at their funerals by the members of the Department and / or Company to which they were a member.

SCOPE:

This policy is applicable to any member of the Department.

This policy also allows the members of this Department to honor members of other Departments upon their death.

PROCEDURE:

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorization shall be obtained from the responsible family members or executor of the estate of the deceased. It shall be the responsibility of the President and / or Station Commanding Officer of the Company to which the deceased was a member to seek the authorization from the appropriate person(s) to perform the service for the deceased.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS:

Any member that will attend the ceremonies to honor a deceased member should wear appropriate uniforms as is defined herein.

A Class "A" dress uniform in accordance with **Section 255** should be worn. Any member that is unable to attend the ceremonies wearing the appropriate uniform should wear a suit and tie that reflects good taste and judgment on behalf of the member and Department.

VIEWING:

All members attending the viewing should congregate and enter the viewing room at the same time. The officer that called the congregation together should issue any special orders or information to the congregation prior to entering the viewing room.

Upon entering the viewing room the Officer in Charge of the congregation should call the group to attention for the reading of the Fireman's Prayer and / or any farewell statements. While still at attention the group may observe a moment of silence, the end of which may be marked by three (3) tolls on a Department bell. The group should then be called to arms to salute the deceased, then exit.

FUNERAL:

The funeral activities shall be approved by the family. The honored members casket may be permitted to be taken from the church / funeral home on the hose bed of a pumper from the company to which he was a member. Members of the Department / Company may be permitted to act as pallbearers.

MEMORIAL:

Any a Department Vehicle that will be part of a funeral procession should have its warning lights draped with black cloth.

In the event of a member death in the line of duty any member displaying a Department badge within thirty (30) days from the date of the death should have a black mourning band around it.

Other than line of duty deaths the membership shall only be required to wear black mourning bands while displaying Departments badges at the ceremony for the deceased.

The flags of the Fire Companies may be drawn to half mast for thirty (30) days from the date of the death.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS:

Members of the Department / Fire Companies may attend the funeral services of members of other Departments to honor them. Anytime this is done it shall be done in a tasteful and professional manner so as not to reflect in a negative way upon the Department or Company.