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## FUNERAL SERVICES PRACTICES

### SCOPE

This guideline shall apply to all members of the Stoney Point Fire Department and shall be adhered to by all members.

### PURPOSE

To establish the procedures for the planning, preparation and conduct of funeral services for members of the Stoney Point Fire Department.

### DEFINITIONS

**Guideline** - a general rule, principle, outline of a policy

**Line of Duty Death – (LODD)** any emergency services personnel who has died as the direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty (trauma, cancer, heart attack, etc.)

**Member** – any career, volunteer, staff, and auxiliary personnel affiliated with the department

**Shall** - indicates a mandatory requirement

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### GUIDELINES

Honoring the service and sacrifice of members that pass away is an important responsibility for Stoney Point Fire Department. Demonstrating this respect for those members that have given the ultimate sacrifice while on duty, succumbed to injuries or illness as a result of their service, retired or former members and those affiliated with Stoney Point Fire Department is an honor for those involved. It is vital to ensure that the deceased member's family are included in the planning process to ensure that their wishes are adhered to. The family may choose to forego or limit any department involvement in the services. However, it is important to remember that the honors provided do not exceed the appropriate level.

### CLASSIFICATIONS

**Class I Line of Duty Death (LODD).** This is the highest level of ceremony. It is reserved for Firefighters who die as a result of a line of duty incident or direct job-related event. A Line of Duty Death is classified as any member who is killed at the scene of an emergency incident, while responding to, or returning from the scene of an incident. Line of Duty Deaths may also include members whose death was precipitated from injuries or illness directly sustained during active duty, such as heart attack, cancer, and stroke.



## Programs

## Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG)

**Class II** Non-Line of Duty Death (Active/Retired Members). This level of service is available to active and retired members, that pass away from causes unrelated to duty in the fire service.

**Class III** Affiliated Personnel. This level of service is available for the death of dignitaries, family of active/retired members and friends of the fire service.

### STONEY POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT Funeral Service Practices

<b>Practice</b>	<b>LODD: Line of Duty Death Class I</b>	<b>Active/Inactive: Non-Line of Duty Death of an Active/Inactive Member Class II</b>	<b>Affiliated Personnel: Friend of the Fire Department, Other Dignitaries, Immediate Family of Active Member Class III</b>
Station Bunting (Front Doors)	X	X	
Turnout Gear Posted Outside Station	X	X	
American Flag Draped Casket	X	X	
American Flag lowered to half mast	X From death until 7 days past funeral	X From death until funeral	
Attendance in Uniform	X	X	X
Badge Shrouds	X	X	
Honor Detail at Casket	X	X	
Pall Bearers	X	X	X
Honor Guard	X	X	X

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Programs

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Color Guard	X	X	X
Bag Piper	X	X	
Bell Ceremony	X	X	
<b>Procession</b>	Fire Engines and Engine Caisson	Hearse (Engine Caisson upon special requests)	Hearse
Vehicle Bunting	X		
Fire Radio "Last Alarm" Dispatch	X (coordinated through Cumberland County Dispatch)		
Roll Call	X		
Special Route	X (driving by Station on the way to cemetery)		
American Flag Presentation Grave Site	X	X	

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**Note:** All actions are only appropriate with the consent of the deceased's members' family.

**References**

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