

Washington State Line of Duty Death Recognition and Inclusion

In conjunction with the Washington Fire Chiefs, Washington Fire Commissioners Association, Washington State Council of Fire Fighters, and the Washington State Fire Fighters' Association, members of the fire service who die as a result of their service to the community they have been asked to protect shall be honored at the Washington State Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service.

Criteria for inclusion at the Washington State Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service will be that the firefighter's death is recognized by the State of Washington in accordance with state law;

- The firefighter dies in the course of employment. (RCW 41.26.048)
- The firefighter dies from injuries attributed to employment regardless of the time following the incident. (RCW 41.26.048)
- The firefighter dies as a result of an occupational disease or infection that arose naturally and proximately out of employment. (RCW 51.32.185)
- The firefighter dies as a result of injuries received or sickness contracted in the consequence of the performance of his or her duties. (RCW 41.24.160)
- The firefighter's death is such that they are eligible for Public Safety Officers Benefit (PSOB) through the Department of Justice.

In the event that the firefighter dies with an unresolved Labor & Industry claim, the firefighter will be include at the next memorial service after the claim is settled and determined that the death is a result of employment.

In rare circumstances the Washington Fire Chiefs, Washington Fire Commissioners, Washington State Council of Fire Fighters, the Washington State Fire Fighters' Association, or IAFF 7th District Vice President along with the State Service Planning Committee may grant approval for inclusion. The request for approval must come through the appropriate State Fire Service Agency representing the fallen firefighter. The State Service Planning Committee with the input of representatives from the State Fire Service Agency will make a determination of inclusion.

The Washington State Fallen Firefighters Memorial is different from the IAFF Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial and the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial, and should be treated as such. Receiving approval by the IAFF as a line of duty death and being honored at their event does not mean that a member automatically will be recognized at the Washington State Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service. IAFF local leaders must work through their IAFF District Vice President (7th or 16th) when soliciting approval from the IAFF.