

Washington State Fire Service Line of Duty Death Guidelines and Procedures



- **Badge Shrouding**

WA State Fire Service Badge Shrouding Best Practice

This best practice document outlines when and who will shroud their badges after the death of a career or volunteer firefighter. Individual fire agencies may use their own discretion when authorizing badge shrouds.

Notification for Statewide Badge Shrouding will be sent out via the Washington State Council of Firefighters, Washington State Fire Chiefs Association, and the Washington State Fire Fighters' Association. Notification for regional badge shrouding will be sent out via the fallen firefighter's department and/or the Washington State Council of Firefighters, Washington State Fire Chiefs Association, and the Washington State Fire Fighters' Association.

LODD

- **Combat Death**
 - When a Firefighter dies in a fire at an emergency scene all fire service agencies in the state will authorize badge shrouds from the time of death to 1700hrs the day of the service.
 - The Home Department will shroud badges for a 30-day mourning period after the service.
- **Medical Death**
 - When a Firefighter dies from a medical incident all fire departments in the region will authorize badge shrouds from the time of death to 1700hrs the day of the service.
 - The fallen firefighter's agency may largely define the region such as the fire service response zone or county. It is recommended that home department reach out to their automatic and mutual aid partners, and any other regional partners as appropriate, such as training or policy consortiums that the agency may be involved with.
 - A department outside the region that has a connection with the firefighter may decide to shroud their badges.
- **Medical Retiree Death**
 - When a retired Firefighter dies of a LODD Cancer the home department will authorize badge shrouds from the day of death to 1700hrs the day of the service.

Non-LODD and Civilian

- When a Firefighters or Civilian Member of the Fire Service's death is not LODD, the home department will authorize badge shrouds from the time of death to 1700hrs the day of the service.

Retiree Non-LODD

- When a retired firefighter dies, badge shrouds will be worn by the home agency the day of the funeral 0800 to 1700 hours.

Extended Service Date

- When the service for fallen firefighter is scheduled for a later date the following guidelines will be followed
 - Combat LODD – Badge shrouds will be worn for a period of 30 days after the death. Badges shrouds will be worn by those attending the service.
 - Medical Death – Badge shrouds will be worn for a period of 2 Weeks after the death. Badges shrouds will be worn by those attending the service.