



POLICY 2 FUNERAL SERVICE LEVELS

The ultimate sacrifice of an EMS provider occurs in Line of Duty Death (LODD), As such we reserve several services for those who die in the line of duty. The national standards are listed below, generally followed by EMS, Fire, and Police Honor Guards in the United States.

Line-of-duty: (and EMS HG Members)

The death must be the result of a traumatic injury suffered in the line of duty (on a run or on scheduled duty), a cardiac event within 48 hours of a duty shift, illness proven to be attributed to the job by workers compensation (cardiac, stroke, mental illness or suicide/PTSD).

American Flag, Badge shroud, Bell Service or Last Page, Bag Piper and/or Taps bugle, Casket Guard, Uniformed members section and Color Guard corridor of Honor of ALL uniformed personnel. Procession of emergency vehicles, Pallbearers, Color Guard at the cemetery, graveside flag presentation, twenty-one gun salute for Military Veterans only. We also forward the personnel to the National EMS Memorial and represent the fallen member at the National Ceremony.

Active Duty:

A full-time or volunteer member of an emergency medical service agency serving in an active capacity, Non-job-related death: Deaths, natural and traumatic, that are not directly related to an emergency medical service call.

EMS Flag, Badge shroud, Bell Service and/or Last Page, Casket Guard, Uniformed members section, and Honor & Color Guard corridor of Honor of ALL uniformed personnel.

Retired or former EMS Personnel:

A retired or former member of an emergency medical service agency that passes for any reason.

Badge shroud, Uniformed members section and Honor & Color Guard corridor of Honor of ALL uniformed personnel. A representative of the Honor Guard as appropriate to lead the corridor of Honor. All other honors would be conducted by the Military if appropriate.

I had been trained to remove my "cover" once inside. However, it is not proper to salute if you are not wearing a hat. In my experience, when you approach the casket of the fallen brother/sister, you stop, say a short prayer, put on your hat, come to attention with a sharp salute and then slowly lower the salute, turn and depart, removing your hat once you return to your seat or point of assembly. - See more at:
<https://www.funeralwise.com/customs/police/#sthash.Ot8OGw4E.dpuf>