DRESS UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

1. All firefighting members are required to possess an appropriate dress uniform. Probationary firefighters shall have 60 days past the completion of their probationary period to comply with this regulation.

2. Dress uniforms shall be maintained in a clean and neatly, pressed condition.

3. Members permanently assigned to a station shall keep dress uniforms in quarters for immediate use or inspection.

4. The dress uniform shall be worn to assigned funeral details, during formal station inspections, special details, and as directed by the Fire Chief.

5. Department-issued badges and name tags shall be affixed to the dress uniform jackets when worn.

6. Specifications for the dress uniform are listed below:

   a. Shoes: Black, plain toe, or patent leather oxford. Department-issued safety shoes are not to be worn as part of the dress uniform. Female members who choose to wear a uniform skirt shall wear a plain black leather or patent leather dress shoe as approved by the Fire Chief. The maximum height of heels shall be two inches.

   b. Socks: Black. Female members wearing the dress uniform skirt and dress shoes shall wear hosiery complimentary to their skin tone.

   c. Trousers (a dress skirt is optional for female members):

      (1) Color: Navy blue.

      (2) Material: 55 percent Dacron/45 percent Wool Serge.
(3) Pockets: Two 1/4 top, two hip.

(4) Belt loops: Keystone type, properly spaced.

(5) Length: Not less than one inch nor more than 2 inches from floor in back and tapered to rest on shoe top in front, no cuffs. The optional skirt for female members shall be at a length of 1 inch below the crease of the back of the knee.

(6) Fly: Zippered.

d. Jacket: Business length, double breasted six button, peaked lapels, without shoulder epaulets.

   (1) Color: Navy blue.

   (2) Material: 55 percent Dacron/45 percent Wool Serge

   (3) Lining: Blue.

   (4) Pockets: None.

   (5) Badge Tab: Left side and should not be covered or obstructed by the lapel of the jacket

   (6) Sleeves: No cuffs or buttons. There shall be the appropriate number of 1/2-inch wide nylon stripe(s) affixed to both sleeves, as specified below by rank. When one stripe is worn, the bottom edge of the stripe shall be affixed 3 inches from the bottom edge of the jacket sleeve. When multiple stripes are worn, the bottom edge of the lowest stripe shall be affixed 3 inches from the bottom edge of the jacket sleeve; subsequent stripe(s) shall be affixed so the bottom edge of each stripe is 1/4 inch above the top edge of the next lowest stripe. In all cases, sleeve stripe(s) shall be affixed to the outer half of jacket sleeves and extend from seam to seam.

      (a) Fire Chief: 5 gold, 1/2-inch stripes.

      (b) Deputy Chief: 4 gold, 1/2-inch stripes.

      (c) Battalion chief: 2 gold, 1/2-inch stripes.

      (d) Captain: 2 silver, 1/2-inch stripes.
(e) Engineer: 1 silver, 1/2-inch stripe.

(f) Firefighter: 1 silver, 1/2-inch stripe.

(7) Service Cross(es): Maltese cross(es) to be affixed centered on the outer half of left sleeve. The bottom edge of cross(es) shall be 1/2 inch above the top edge of the highest stripe worn. Cross(es) to be gold or silver as appropriate to match the sleeve stripe(s), 5/8-inch across, and affixed so when two or more crosses are worn, they are 1/2 inch apart; not to exceed four crosses in any row. Subsequent row of crosses (beginning with the fifth cross) to be affixed so the bottom edge of upper crosses is 1/2 inch above the top edge of the lower crosses.

(8) Service Cross Eligibility: Members are eligible to wear one Maltese cross for each five years of service in a full-time paid fire protection position, or for each five years of employment with the Department. Each service cross shall be affixed within 60 days following eligibility for same.

(9) Patches: Uniform patches shall be centered on the outside of both sleeves of uniform jackets. The top edge of each patch shall be at 3/4 inch below the shoulder seam.

(10) Buttons: Buttons are to be 5/8 inch in diameter and be embossed with the appropriate rank insignia.

(11) Metal Name Tags: Department-issued only and shall be worn centered on the right side of dress uniform jackets.

(12) Jacket Lapel Ornamentation: Appropriate rank insignias as specified for captains and all chief officers, shall be worn so the center of same is 1 inch from each collar tip. Lapel ornamentation shall be positioned so the flared ends of the bugles point in a downward attitude, keeping the edges of the insignia an equal distance from the lapel edges (see Figure 1). All bugle ornamentation devices shall be of the open design as opposed to a disc or button style.

(a) Firefighter and Engineer: None.
(b) Captain: 2 nickel, vertical bugles.

(c) Battalion Chief: 2 gold, crossed bugles.

(d) Deputy Chief: 4 gold, crossed bugles.

(e) Fire Chief: 5 gold, crossed bugles.

(f) A deputy chief’s lapel ornamentation is used as a typical example in (see Figure 1).

Figure 1

(g) Chief officers who have been awarded the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) through the Commission on Professional Credentialing may wear the CFO collar brass in lieu of gold crossed bugles (see Figure 2).

Figure 2

(h) When the lapel ornamentation contains an odd number of crossed bugles, the middle bugle will point at the lapel tip.

(i) When the lapel ornamentation contains an even number of crossed bugles, the middle point between the bugles will point at the lapel tip.
(13) Uniform Bars, Medals, and Awards: Uniform bars, medals, and awards shall be affixed on the Class A jacket at the right chest 1/2 inch above the member’s name plate (see Figure 3). Former members of a specialty team, who have fulfilled their commitment, may continue to wear their specialty team bar.

![Figure 3](image)

Refer to the following charts for ordering information.

### Awards

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**e.** Belt: Same as Day Uniform.

**f.** Dress Shirt: Shirt shall be a plain white dress shirt, long sleeve, convertible collar, and 100 percent cotton or 50/50 cotton polyester blend. The shirt shall not have epaulets, badge tab, or badges. Exception: Chief officers and staff captains may wear white uniform shirts as part of the Dress Uniform.

(1) Collar ornamentation is not to be worn on the dress shirt, except for chief officers and staff captains when wearing the Day Uniform shirt.

**g.** Tie: Navy blue, four-in-hand, hook-on or natural knot, open ends, and not more than 2-1/2 inches wide. Material to be 75 percent polyester and 25 percent wool and have a textured matte finish. Embossed designs or printed detail is not permitted.
h. Tie Bar (optional): Bright silver for rank of captain and below. Bright brass for chief officers.

(1) Tie bar can be either plain or include ornamentation. Tie bar ornamentation is limited to recognized symbolic fire service designs or equipment, i.e., axes, Maltese cross, etc.

i. Cap:

(1) Firefighter and engineer:

(a) Style: Navy blue bell crown with black Mohair braid band.

(b) Material: To match Dress Uniform.

(c) Outer Band: 1-3/4-inch black mohair braid band.

(d) Visor: Black Rolltex with green leather under bottom.

(e) Chin Strap: 1/2-inch black Rolltex.

(f) Optional Chin Strap: 911 Commemorative strap, black.

(g) Buttons: Two nickel buttons with embossed rank insignia.

(h) Cap Badge: Chrome finish badge with appropriate rank center emblem.

(2) Captain:

(a) Style: Bell crown.

(b) Material: White vinyl or leatherette with black mohair braid band.

(c) Outer Band: 1-3/4-inch black mesh braid.

(d) Visor: Black Rolltex with green leather under bottom.

(e) Chin Strap: 1/2-inch flexible chrome finish metal band.
(f) Optional Chin Strap: 911 Commemorative strap, silver.

(g) Buttons: Two nickel buttons with embossed rank insignia.

(h) Cap Badge: Chrome finish badge with appropriate rank center emblem/

(3) Battalion chief, same as captain except:

(a) Chin Strap: 1/2-inch adjustable gold colored cloth band.

(b) Optional Chin Strap: 911 Commemorative strap, gold.

(c) Buttons: Two gold buttons, with embossed rank insignia.

(d) Cap Badge: Gold finish badge with appropriate rank center emblem.

(4) Deputy Chief: Same as captain except:

(a) Visor: Gold bullion with 2 flames on cap bill.

(b) Chin Strap: 1/2-inch adjustable gold colored cloth band.

(c) Optional Chin Strap: 911 Commemorative strap, gold.

(d) Buttons: Two gold buttons, with embossed rank insignia.

(e) Cap Badge: Gold finish badge with appropriate rank center emblem.

(5) Fire Chief, same as Deputy Chief, except:

(a) Outer Band: White mohair braid band.

(b) Visor: Gold bullion with six flames on cap bill.
CROSS REFERENCES

Administrative Manual
Section 102.1, Awards Program
Section 104.7, Honor Awards Committee