



# NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MANUAL

## CHAPTER: 55.2.6.2

### TITLE: POLICE FUNERALS

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#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this Chapter is to provide a process for requesting a police funeral for active or retired members of the New Orleans Police Department.

#### POLICY

1. Uniform Department members may be assigned to participate in funeral ceremonies for active or retired members of the New Orleans Police Department upon request of the deceased member's family or the individual in charge of the funeral arrangements.
2. When a police funeral is requested for an active or retired member, an NOPDAI1 (*group email message to all Department members*) email message shall be sent notifying all members of the funeral arrangements. Active members who wish to volunteer for a particular funeral shall contact Human Resource Services.
3. The Deputy Superintendent of the Field Operations Bureau may authorize motorcycle officers to provide a "city roll escort" (escort motorcycles working on-duty) for the deceased member's motorcade to the cemetery.
4. If the deceased member was an active or retired member of the department, a uniformed officer of the unit to which the deceased was assigned at the time of death or upon retirement may, with approval of the unit's commanding officer, be detailed (working on-duty) to the funeral ceremony.
5. The City of New Orleans and the New Orleans Police Department assumes no financial responsibility for the burial of member, whether the member was killed in the line of duty or not.
6. If the deceased member was a Superintendent or Deputy Superintendent, active or retired, the officer in charge of the police funeral detail shall hold the rank of Captain, or Major.

#### OFFICER'S DEATH - LINE OF DUTY

7. The participation of the New Orleans Police Department and its members in an active duty or retired member's funeral or memorial activities is entirely contingent on the

request or permission of the deceased member's closest relative(s).

8. When a police officer dies in the line of duty, two uniformed officers shall be assigned to remain with the deceased from the time of visitation until the end of interment.
9. The Police Funeral Honor Guard will be staffed, in whole or in part, by members of the Special Operations Division, ranking officers, and other members of the deceased officer's unit depending upon the availability of staffing from that unit.
10. The Special Operations Division Commander shall be in overall command of the police funeral ceremony, funeral detail and the Honor Guard within the limitations, if any, imposed by the deceased member's closest relative(s).
11. The Special Operations Division shall coordinate the police funeral ceremonial burial procedure.
12. The police funeral ceremonial burial procedure shall be in accordance with U.S. Navy Regulations, Marine Corps Drills & Ceremonies Manual Chapter 19 titled Funerals or as modified by proper authority.
13. The Commanding Officer of the Traffic Section shall provide an appropriate motorcycle escort for the Funeral Detail.
14. For line of duty deaths, the **Class C - Dress Uniform** shall be worn by all commissioned members assigned as pallbearers and Honor Guard.
15. Where the deceased died of other causes and not in the line of duty, the class of uniform worn shall be at the discretion of the Commander of the Special Operations Division.
16. The Special Operations Division shall coordinate all departmental participation and police funeral procedures with the deceased's family or the person in charge of arrangements.