

San Diego Fireman's Relief Association and Local 145 Funeral/Memorial Assistance

Appendix A

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This appendix outlines the assistance provided by Local 145 and the San Diego Fireman's Relief Association (SDFRA) for a SDFD supported funeral/memorial service.

L145 and SDFRA will assist the department with funeral planning, preparation, and execution of the funeral/memorial service.

If the deceased is a member in good standing of L145 and/or SDFRA, these organizations may provide the following assistance and services based on the type of funeral determined by the fire chief or designee (see the *Firefighter Funeral/Memorial Guidebook* for services and equipment provided for each type of funeral/memorial):

1. Flag draped coffin - Honor Flag
2. Sounding of Last Alarm - Bell Service
3. Presentation of flag flown at last station/tower - Firefighters Memorial Flag
4. Badge and name plate presented to family - Badge Presentation
5. Flowers
6. Bible (SDFRA)
7. Attendance and speech by IAFF president (L145)
8. Attendance and speech by Local 145/Local 911 president (L145/L911)
9. Memorial proclamations
10. Transportation and lodging for immediate family of deceased, may include:
 - a. Airfare
 - b. Hotel
 - c. Meals
 - d. Transportation for family day of service
 - e. Hearse
11. Station and Vehicle Bunting
12. Childcare for children of the deceased

Additionally, SDFRA and Local 145 can assist with the following:

1. Submitting the proper documentation to ensure the family of the deceased receives all legally entitled death benefits.
2. For line-of-duty death, the surviving family may be eligible to attend the following memorials:
 - a. International Association of Firefighters (IAFF)
 - b. National Fallen Firefighters (NFFF)
 - c. California Professional Firefighters (CPF)
 - d. Retired Fire and Police Association (RFPA)
 - e. Plaque dedication at member's station/tower
 - f. Street/Highway naming

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SDFRA and Local 145 may assist with coordinating the family's attendance and addressing their specific needs while attending these memorials.

3. Candlelight vigils are generally initiated by the community and may be supported by:
 - a. Coordinating events and providing a master of ceremonies
 - b. Use of public address system
4. As a part of the funeral/memorial service, the president of Local 145 may present the badge and name tag encased in a display to the next of kin.
 - a. SDFRA will work with the deceased member's battalion chief to obtain the deceased's badge and name tag and obtain duplicates for the burial uniform.
 - b. SDFRA will coordinate the purchasing of the badge.

The above services are subject to change based on current L145 and SDFRA policies. L145 and SDFRA shall update SDFD on their current funeral policies and procedures at the first funeral planning meeting.