

Snohomish County Fire Chiefs Association

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LINE OF DUTY DEATH SUGGESTED OPERATING GUIDELINES

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The Snohomish County Fire Chiefs identified and recognized the complexity involved in a line of duty death. While it is of the sincerest hopes that this procedure will never need to be utilized it is prudent to preplan and provide a framework should this event occur. The following identified the need to establish this standard guideline in the event of a line of duty death.
- (a) Line of duty deaths are always temporarily debilitating for agencies involved and therefore assistance from other agencies will be needed.
 - (b) A standard guideline pre-established used by agencies involved will be an invaluable tool for organization and planning in such events.
 - (c) The Washington State Fire Chiefs Association (WSFCA) with assistance from local and nation wide agencies has adopted a line of duty death procedure.
 - (d) The WSFCA line of duty death document has been reviewed by the Snohomish County Fire Chiefs Association. After careful consideration the association agrees the document covers the areas of need for a line of duty death. It further agrees the statewide document will provide standardization that will better coordinate and organize such an event.
 - (e) Therefore the state document is hereby adopted and attached hereto as the Snohomish County Fire Chiefs approved line of duty death guideline for use in Snohomish County.

2.0 AGENCIES AND PERSONNEL AFFECTED:

- 2.1 All fire agencies of Snohomish County

3.0 REFERENCE:

- 3.1 Snohomish County Fire Chief Association SOG's.
- 3.2 Washington State Fire Chiefs Association "Line of duty death procedure".

4.0 POLICY:

- 4.1 It is the policy of the Snohomish Fire Chiefs Association to utilize the State of Washington Line of duty death recommended procedure as its adopted Suggested operating guideline. (The document is attached in its entirety).