

	<b>Dothan Fire Department POLICY</b>	
	<b>Policy Name:</b>	<b>United States Flag</b>
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	<b>Authority:</b>	Larry H. Williams, Jr, Fire Chief

## I. PUPOSE

To provide guidance on the display, use of, and retirement of the United States Flag. This policy follows the United States (US) Flag Code, Title 4, United States Code (USC). If there is any discrepancy between this policy and the Flag Code, then the Flag code will supersede this policy.

## II. POLICY

### **SECTION 1—Display & Use of**

1. The US Flag (National Colors) shall be displayed at all fire stations and on each front line apparatus.
2. Traditionally the US Flag is displayed from sunrise to sunset; however, the flag may be displayed for twenty-four hours if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.
3. Flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
4. During inclement weather, the flag should not be displayed unless it is an all-weather (Storm Flag) Flag.
5. No other flag or pennant should be placed above, or, if on the same level, to the right of the National Colors.
6. When displayed on a podium, the flag should be placed to the right of the speaker (facing the audience), with other flags placed to the left of the speaker.
7. When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union (blue field with stars) to the north in an east/west street or to the east in a north/south street.
8. When flags of States, cities or localities, or pennants of societies are flown from the same halyard (rope) with the National Colors, the latter should always be at the peak. When flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the National Colors should be hoisted first and lowered last (this includes a flag pole with two halyards). No such flag or pennant may be placed above the National Colors or to the right of the National Colors.
9. When displayed on the apparatus bumper and there is only one US Flag, it should be flown on the right (Driver's right) side of the apparatus.
10. The flag when flown at half-staff should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day.
11. On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half-staff from sunrise to noon ONLY.
12. By order of the President, the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the set amount of days based on the US Code (i.e. principal figures of the US

Government) or by proclamation (i.e. Fallen Firefighters Memorial in October, Police Officers Memorial Week).

13. The Governor of Alabama can proclaim that the National Colors to half-staff in the event of the death of a present or formal official of the government of any State, territory, or possession of the US.
14. When the National Colors are flown at half-staff, no other flags will be flown below it.
15. When National Colors are to be stored due to weather, etc., the flag should be folded appropriately (Tri-Corn).

### **SECTION 2—Flag Retirement**

1. The US Flag, when it is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.
2. Torn, damaged flags should be lowered, folded appropriately, and forwarded to Support Services Division. A new flag will be provided.
3. If the National Colors are not immediately provided to the station, then the Alabama Flag will NOT be displayed until a replacement National Color is provided.
4. Support Services Division will coordinate with local agencies/organizations for the proper disposal of the flags.

### **III. RESERVATION OF AUTHORITY**

The Fire Chief reserves the authority to amend, modify, or change this policy.

### **IV. APPROVAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

This policy is adopted and approved on this 1st day of June, 2021.

#### **Signature on File**

**Larry H. Williams, Jr.**

Fire Chief

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