

# Flag Display

## 1102.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to members of the Eulesse Fire Department regarding the proper display of the flags of both the United States and the State of Texas.

## 1102.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Eulesse Fire Department to display flags at department facilities in compliance with Texas and federal laws.

It shall be the responsibility of the officer in charge of each station on each shift to make assignments that will insure flags are flown during the appropriate hours and weather conditions.

When flags become worn or frayed, a request for replacement should be submitted to Fire Administration. When a replacement flag is received, the old flag will be returned to Fire Administration for proper disposal.

Ceremonial flags, decorative flags, etc., may only be flown after receiving authorization from the Fire Chief.

## 1102.3 DISPLAYING THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

Federal law providing for the use and the display of the U.S. flag is contained in Title 4 Chapter 1 of the United States Code, commonly referred to as the "Flag Code." Members of this department will display the flag of the United States in accordance with the provisions of 4 USC § 1 through 4 USC § 10.

### 1102.3.1 DISPLAY OF THE U.S. FLAG IN DAILY OPERATIONS

Department members should consult the Flag Code for guidance whenever the flag of the United States is to be displayed in any manner. This is to ensure that the display is presented in accordance with the Flag Code and as follows:

- (a) The United States flag should be conspicuously posted on all department facilities during hours of operation.
- (b) It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on a stationary flagstaff in the open. However, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if it is properly illuminated during the hours of darkness (4 USC § 6).
- (c) The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed (4 USC § 6).
- (d) The U.S. flag may only be flown at half-staff by Presidential or Gubernatorial decree, and on Memorial Day until noon (4 USC § 7).

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Whenever the U.S. flag is displayed in conjunction with other flags or symbols it should occupy the "Place of Honor" (4 USC § 7).

#### **1102.4 DISPLAY OF THE TEXAS STATE FLAG**

Members of the Eules Fire Department will display the Texas State flag prominently and in the proper position of honor in accordance with the United States Flag Code.

##### **1102.4.1 DISPLAY OF THE TEXAS FLAG IN DAILY OPERATIONS**

Department members should consult the Governor's Office for guidance whenever the flag is to be displayed in any manner to ensure that the display is presented appropriately. Displays of the flag should be consistent with the following protocol (Tex. Gov't Code § 3100.001 et seq.):

- (a) The flag should be conspicuously posted on all department facilities during hours of operation.
- (b) Generally, the flag should be displayed only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on a stationary flagstaff in the open. However, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if it is properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.
- (c) The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed.
- (d) The flag shall be flown at half-staff whenever the flag of the United States is flown at half-staff, and may only be flown at half-staff at other times by order of the Governor of Texas.
- (e) Whenever the flag is displayed in conjunction with the United States flag, the United States flag shall occupy the position of first honor (4 USC § 7). When the flag is displayed in conjunction with other flags or symbols, it should occupy the position of honor.

For flag display protocol subsequent to a line-of-duty death, see the Line-of-Duty Death Policy.