

# NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

## MISSION:

- Sponsor the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend
- Assist survivors attending the annual memorial weekend
- Offer support programs for survivors
- Award scholarships to fire service survivors
- Help departments manage line-of-duty deaths
- Create a National Memorial Park
- Work to prevent line-of-duty deaths



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## Line-of-Duty Death State Response Teams Program



Local  
Assistance  
State  
Team



## What the Team can provide

- Department of Justice-Public Safety Officers' Benefits (DOJ-PSOB) expertise
- Honor Guard and Ceremonial support
- Chaplain services for department members
- A fire service survivor to work with the family
- A behavioral specialist to work with the department members and the family
- Information and access to various Federal, State and local benefits that may be available to the family
- Other information and resources to assist the family and department



## What the Team will do

- Respond only when requested
- Be on the ground within 6 hours with the team components that are requested
- Ensure the family and the department are the priority at all times
- Ask first before taking any action
- Maintain transparency and work behind the scenes
- Provide timely and accurate information
- Practice personal and team integrity
- Ensure quality over expediency
- Show empathy at all times
- Always think in terms of honor, dignity and respect
- Have an exit strategy after the first day on the ground

## What the Team won't do

- Self respond!
- Take over!
- Do anything without consulting the Chief or designate and/or the family!
- Give inaccurate information!

## Rules of Engagement for the Local Assistance State Team

- The primary mission is to bring expertise to the surviving family in filing for the DOJ-PSOB.
- Follow the mission of providing necessary assistance and support to families and fire departments of fallen firefighters, as requested.
- Provide the families and fire departments of fallen firefighters the support mechanisms needed before, during and after the funeral.
- Act as a resource for the family and fire department.
- Act as the initial contact and agents for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

