



# GENERAL ORDER

Department of Fire and EMS

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**Subject:** Creation of an Honor Guard Function- DFEMS

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The department is moving towards the creation of an Honor Guard Unit. Consistent to other public safety agencies, the Honor Guard Unit will provide a multitude of official functions including:

1. Official representation of the department at various functions
2. Opening/closing of DFEMS ceremonies
3. Departmental funerals (internal/external)
4. Participation in select parades
5. Combined honor guard representation as indicated (local, state, national)
6. Support of the Maryland and National Fallen Firefighter's Memorials
7. Special requests at the discretion of the Director/Chief

The goal is to have an official and professional Honor Guard Unit that may consist of both career and volunteer members of the department. Participation in the Honor Guard will be voluntary and will require a specific level of commitment to include practices, meetings, and deployments to events. Training, uniforms, and related logistics will be provided. The developmental process of this unit will take some time to come to full functionality. We will be using available resources from local partner agencies to assist us with our formation. At this time, we will begin to recruit potential members as a formal selection and training process is formatted.

DFEMS personnel with an interest should submit an email with the subject: Honor Guard and the following information: Name, email, phone#, station/shift or VFC and if applicable any prior experience with a ceremonial unit, honor guard or color guard. The submission of interest should occur prior to October 1, 2024. The email should be sent to DFEMS administration: [cwilliams@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:cwilliams@carrollcountymd.gov) Following that date an organizational meeting will be held and further details will be provided. This is a special calling that requires commitment and dedication, and we want to assure that we get this right!

MWR/cw

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