

If you experience
a line-of-duty death
in your department
Call the R.I.LAST Team

401-821-2157
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Please make all payments out to:
RIAFC Foundation LAST
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Rhode Island Association of
Fire Chiefs Foundation
P.O. Box 6041
Providence, RI 02940

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Additional Information Available At:



www.rifirechiefs.com



National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
P.O. Drawer 498
Emmitsburg, MD 21727
301-447-1365
www.firehero.org

RHODE ISLAND LOCAL ASSISTANCE STATE TEAM



LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH STATE RESPONSE TEAM

Our Mission

We are members of the Rhode Island Fire Community, who are ready to respond with assistance and support to families and Fire Departments who experience a Line of Duty Death.

We offer ourselves as a resource to surviving members of a Fallen Firefighter's family, as well as their Fire Department.

We strive to value the funeral traditions of the Fire Service by serving with dignity, pride, and competence.

What the Team Can Provide

- Department of Justice-Public Safety Officers' benefits (DOJ-PSOB) expertise
- Honor Guard & ceremonial support
- Chaplain services for department members
- A fire service survivor to work with the family
- The Rhode Island Critical Incident Stress Management Team available for department members and their families
- 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 members in filing for the DOJ-PSOB.
- Follow the mission of providing the 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.

