

Flag Display

1104.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to members of the Fresno County Fire Protection District regarding the proper display of the flags of both the United States and the State of California.

1104.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Fresno County Fire Protection District to display flags at district facilities in compliance with California and federal laws.

1104.3 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 district will display the flag of the United States in accordance with the provisions of 4 USC § 1 through 4 USC § 10.

1104.3.1 DISPLAY OF THE U.S. FLAG IN DAILY OPERATIONS

District 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 district facilities during hours of operation (Government Code § 431).
- (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).

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

1104.4 DISPLAY OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE FLAG

State law provides for the use and the display of the flag of the State of California. Members of the Fresno County Fire Protection District will display it in accordance with these provisions (Government Code § 430 et seq.).

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1104.4.1 DISPLAY OF THE CALIFORNIA FLAG IN DAILY OPERATIONS

District members should consult the Adjutant General's rules for guidance whenever the California flag is to be displayed in any manner, to ensure that the display is presented appropriately.

Displays of the California flag should be as provided by the Adjutant General's rules and as follows:

- (a) The California flag should be conspicuously posted on all district facilities during hours of operation (Government Code § 431).
- (b) Generally, the California 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 California flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed.
- (d) The California 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 California.
- (e) Whenever the California flag is displayed in conjunction with the United States flag, the United States flag shall occupy the position of first honor (Government Code § 436). When the California 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 Deaths Policy.