



DM40

FLAG PROTOCOL

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POLICY

1. As directed by the Board or Chief Constable, the flags of Canada, British Columbia, and the Delta Police Department (Department) shall be lowered to half-mast to honour certain position holders and individuals upon their death.
2. Flags shall be treated with dignity and respect, and be maintained and folded properly when not being displayed or flown, and flags that are torn, faded, or stained shall not be displayed or flown.

REASON FOR POLICY

3. To provide direction on the lowering and maintenance of the flags.

RELATED POLICIES

DM40 – Funerals & Ceremonies
DP40 – Uniforms, Insignia & Identification

PROCEDURES

4. Employees shall only handle and display the Department flag or depictions thereof in relation to their duties, as approved by the Chief Constable.
5. All flags shall be lowered to half-mast on the death of:
 - a) the Sovereign or an immediate relative of the Sovereign;
 - b) the current or former Governor General;
 - c) the Prime Minister;
 - d) a Federal Cabinet Minister;
 - e) the Lieutenant Governor of BC;



- f) the Provincial Premier;
 - g) a local MLA or MP;
 - h) the Mayor or a member of Delta Council;
 - i) a member of the Delta Police Board;
 - j) an employee of the Department who died as a result of carrying out the duties of their employment;
 - k) an employee of another law enforcement agency who died as a result of carrying out the duties of their employment; and
 - l) any other person whom it is desired to honour, as directed by the Board or Chief Constable.
6. Flags shall be lowered to half-mast on the following days:
- a) April 28 – Workers’ Mourning Day;
 - b) Last Sunday in September – Police and Peace Officers’ National Memorial Day;
 - c) November 11 – Remembrance Day; and
 - d) December 6 – National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.
7. Flags shall be returned to full mast the morning after the funeral of the deceased, or as directed by the Chief Constable or delegate.

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