

Basic Class "A" Uniform Etiquette



Class "A" Uniform

1. Consists of matching blue/black uniform blouse, pants, and dress uniform cap; dress button-down shirt; black plain toe shoes, black socks, black necktie and belt.
2. All ranks of Firefighter, Fire Medic, and Technician will wear the proper badges, rank insignias, necktie, and nameplate on the blouse.
3. The rank of Lieutenant and above will wear the proper badges, rank insignias, necktie, and nameplate on the blouse.
4. White gloves may be worn with this uniform for specified ceremonies.

Belt

1. Issued black leather duty belt with silver buckle. Positions ranked as Lieutenant or higher will wear gold buckles.

Awards and Pins

1. The United States flag pin or the International Association of Firefighters Maltese Cross 1/2-inch diameter pin may be worn centered over the nameplate of the Class "A" Uniform blouse and valor/citation bars, if applicable.
2. Valor medallions will be worn with the Class "A" Uniform blouse only, Meritorious Award Ribbons will be worn centered above the nameplate over the right pocket of the Class "A" Uniform blouse.
3. The Frederick County Tie Tac shall be worn in the center of the tie, attached through the tie and affixed to the uniform shirt to keep the tie in place.

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Wearing the Class "A" Uniform

1. All buttons will be buttoned on shirts, pants, and blouse
2. The dress uniform cap worn with the Class "A" Uniform will be worn as follows:
 - While outdoors
 - During the playing of the National Anthem while hand saluting
 - While outside at a funeral interment or ceremonies

Badges

1. To be worn over the left pocket of the Class "A" Uniform and centered on the Class "A" Cover
 - Mourning bands shall be worn on the badge, when applicable, over the left pocket of the Class "A" Uniform blouse **ONLY**.
 - Mourning bands shall be worn horizontally across the badge, covering the county seal or bugle(s)



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Collar pins

1. "FC" and "FR" devices will be worn on the upper lapel of the Class "A" Uniform blouse along the stitching of the blouse.
2. Collar pins will be aligned equidistant one-half inch from the collar edge of the Uniform Shirt and Uniform Dress Shirt.
3. Firefighters will wear circular insignia consisting of a red enamel circle adorned with "FIREFIGHTER" and a silver scramble on the light blue button-down shirt.
4. Fire Medics will wear circular insignia consisting of a red enamel circle adorned with "PARAMEDIC FIREFIGHTER" and a caduceus on the light blue button-down shirt.
5. Paramedics will wear circular insignia consisting of a blue enamel circle adorned with "PARAMEDIC" and a silver caduceus on the light blue button-down shirt.
6. Technicians will wear circular silver insignia with a fire engine on the light blue button-down shirt.
7. Lieutenants will wear circular gold insignia with a single bugle on the white button-down shirt.
8. Captains will wear circular gold insignia with two parallel bugles on the white button-down shirt.
9. Battalion Chiefs will wear circular gold insignia with two crossed bugles on the white button-down shirt.
10. Assistant Chiefs will wear circular gold insignia with three crossed bugles on the white button-down shirt.
11. Deputy Chiefs will wear circular gold insignia with four crossed bugles on the white button-down shirt.
12. The Chief of Department will wear circular gold insignia with five crossed bugles on the white button-down shirt.



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