

**LAKWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

SOG NUMBER: 400.05	PERSONNEL
DATE IMPLEMENTED: April 8, 2019 DATE REVISED: December 6, 2022	TITLE: VOLUNTEER DRESS CODE

PURPOSE:

This guideline shall serve to establish standard uniform guidelines for active volunteer members of the Lakewood Fire Department.

SCOPE:

All volunteer personnel.

GENERAL:

1. In order to maintain the professional appearance of the Fire Department, members shall be issued a Class A and a Class C uniform.
2. The Fire District shall provide one (1) complete Class A and Class C uniform per active member. Upon the discretion of the Fire Company Captain or highest-ranking Officer, a request may be made to the Chief of Department for a replacement uniform for company members.
3. Firefighters are eligible for a Class A Uniform upon successful completion of their probationary period. Support Service members are eligible 18 months to date after being sworn into the department and must be a member in good standing. At the discretion of the Chief, or his/her designee, members are eligible for Class C Uniforms six (6) months to date of their official swearing-in to the Department.
4. Uniform requests shall be submitted by the Fire Company Captain, or highest-ranking officer, to the Chief of Department via email. At the discretion of the Chief of Department or his/her designee, the request shall be submitted to the Fire District Administrator for approval. Upon approval, the member will be issued a Volunteer Uniform Order Form. The member shall bring this form to the uniform vendor for sizing.
5. Uniform patches will be provided to the member by the Fire District along with the signed Volunteer Uniform Order Form.
6. Uniforms shall be clean, fit properly, and be readily available for use. They shall ONLY be worn at fire department events, functions, ceremonies, funerals, parades, etc., and at the request of the Chief of Department or his/her designee.

7. Members are responsible for maintaining their uniforms in presentable condition. Faded, worn or damaged clothing is not acceptable.
8. Upon appointment to the rank of Battalion Chief, a new Class A Uniform will be provided to the respective member.

CLASS A UNIFORM:

1. Dress Coat – Flying Cross 38803-86, navy, single breasted with four (4) silver FD buttons, and 3 Silver FD buttons on both cuffs (Gold buttons for Chiefs), LFD patch on left sleeve shoulder. Members may have a company or volunteer department patch approved by the Chief of Department sewn on right sleeve shoulder.
 - a. Firefighter – one (1) silver F.D. pin on each lapel.
 - b. Lieutenants – one (1) silver ½” Mylar braid on each sleeve; one (1) 1 horn silver pin on each lapel; and 1 silver hat braid.
 - c. Captains – two (2) silver ½” Mylar braids on each sleeve; one (1) 2 horn silver pin on each lapel; and 1 silver hat braid.
 - d. Battalion Chief – three (3) gold ½” Mylar braids on each sleeve; one (1) 3 horn gold pin on each lapel; and one (1) gold hat braid.
 - e. Deputy Chief – four (4) gold ½” Mylar braids on each sleeve; one (1) 4 horn gold pin on each lapel; and one (1) gold hat braid.
2. Trousers – Flying Cross 38200-86, navy.
3. Shirt Short Sleeve – Elbeco P868/P812, light blue, (White for Chiefs, Elbeco P867), short sleeve, LFD patch on left sleeve shoulder and Reverse American Flag patch (0022) sewn on right sleeve shoulder.
4. Shirt Long Sleeve – Elbeco P878/P802, light blue, (White for Chiefs, Elbco P877), short sleeve, LFD patch on left sleeve shoulder and Reverse American Flag patch (0022) sewn on right sleeve shoulder.
5. Tie – Clip-on, 3.5” x 20,” Dark Navy Tie.
6. Hat – Navy Blue Fire Bell Hat. (White for Chiefs).
7. Shoes – Black Oxford High Gloss Uniform Dress.
8. Belt – Garrison style, plain black.
9. Gloves - White Dress Gloves.
10. Badge
 - Breast Badge - Smith & Warren Silver Badge F141AB (Gold for Chiefs)
 - Hat Badge - Smith & Warren Silver Badge F141 (Gold for Chiefs)

CLASS C UNIFORM:

1. 5.11 Navy Big Horn Jacket #48026, LFD patch on left sleeve shoulder and a company or volunteer department patch approved by the Chief of Department sewn on right sleeve shoulder. First initial and last name direct embroidered onto the right chest in red.
2. 5.11 Fire Navy Company Pants 2.0 #74508.
3. 5.11 Fire Navy Class "C" short sleeved Polo shirt #41060, and long sleeve Polo shirt #42056 with the LFD patch direct embroidered on the left chest with VOLUNTEER above the LFD patch, direct embroidered in red. First initial, last name, direct embroidered on the right chest in red.
4. 5.11 ATAC 6" Low Boot 2.0 Side Zip #12394.
5. 5.11 TDU 1 1/2" Black Belt #59551.
6. 5.11 Black 6" socks #59047

Please Note:

Retired (Exempt) Members who have been issued a Class A uniform prior to the issuance of this SOG, shall continue to maintain same. Retired members who wish to update their uniform to current specification may do so at their own cost and follow General Section, point #4, of this SOG.

Uniform badges and pins are to be supplied by the Fire District. Upon retirement with ten (10) years of active service in good standing members may retain their badge at no cost to the member.

Members that are past Captains and past Chiefs who complete their term in rank in good standing, shall continue to wear their Captains and/or Chiefs' uniform, however, their breast badges shall state Ex-Chief or Ex-Captain. Past lieutenants that do not reach the position of Captain shall return to regular firefighters' uniform upon completion of their term as officer.