



# GENERAL ORDER

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DFEMS Members,

We are extending an open invitation to join the Honor Guard Team. This is an opportunity to serve in one of the most meaningful and visible capacities within our department and the fire service tradition.

The Honor Guard represents the highest standards of respect, discipline, and professionalism. Members stand as guardians of our traditions, representing our department, our brothers and sisters in the fire service, and the families of those we serve. Whether it is presenting the colors, leading ceremonial details, or honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, the Honor Guard carries the responsibility of reflecting dignity, pride, and unwavering commitment.

The history of the Honor Guard in the fire service is deeply rooted in our calling. For generations, the Honor Guard has stood watch at funerals, line-of-duty deaths, and memorial services, ensuring our fallen are never forgotten. They embody the fire service values of duty, honor, and respect, while preserving the traditions that connect us to those who came before us. To wear the Honor Guard uniform is to represent not only our department, but the entire fire service family.

Becoming part of the Honor Guard requires dedication, precision, and a strong sense of pride. It is not just a position, it is a privilege and a commitment to serving our community, our department, and our brothers and sisters with the utmost respect.

If you are interested in becoming part of this distinguished team, please reach out to the team leader, Juan Alfaro. ([jalfaro@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:jalfaro@carrollcountymd.gov)). Training opportunities will be provided, and no prior ceremonial experience is required, only the desire to serve with honor.

We encourage anyone who feels called to this important mission to consider joining. This is your chance to be part of something greater than yourself, upholding the legacy and traditions that define the fire service.

In Service,

*Deputy Chief Paul Supko*