

**ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT**  
**Rules and Regulations**

<b>FUNERALS</b>	
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Funeral details shall be handled on a case-by-case basis through coordination with the Fire Company and the chief of the fire department. The chief of this fire department is authorized to order the attendance and participation of the volunteer firefighters under his/her command and authorize the use of appropriate emergency vehicles at his/her discretion. The Board of Fire Commissioner is to be made aware of such decisions.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATING IN FUNERALS**

WHEREAS, the Volunteer Firefighters’ Benefit law provides that a volunteer firefighter is engaged in a covered activity if he or she is injured or killed while attending or participating in any funeral in which the fire department, fire company, or any unit thereof is engaged, including necessary travel directly connected therewith, provided such attendance was pursuant to orders or authorization and was within the State of New York, any adjoining state or in Canada; and

WHEREAS, Subdivision 11 of Section 176 of the Town Law was amended to permit Boards of Fire Commissioners to adopt rules and regulations governing all fire companies and fire departments in said district and prescribing the duties of members thereof and enforcing discipline, and providing for public drills, parades, funerals, inspections and reviews of the fire district fire department or any company or unit thereof with the fire district or other places within the state, any adjoining state or in Canada; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Board of Fire Commissioners to hereby enact the necessary rules and regulations authorizing attendance and participation by the volunteer members of the fire department of this fire district at funerals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the chief of this fire department is hereby authorized to order the attendance and participation of the volunteer Firefighters under his/her command at a funeral held within this state, any adjoining state or in Canada; and be it further resolved that the term “funeral” shall be defined as attendance at a funeral home, at a house of worship, at a cemetery or other place of interment or cremation and provided that the public is permitted to attend, at a private home; and be it further resolved that such attendance at a funeral as defined herein shall be limited to the funeral of a deceased volunteer firefighter of the fire department of this district, a deceased spouse of a former volunteer firefighter of this district, or a deceased member or former member of the fire service, whether within or without this district, provided that in the chief’s discretion such deceased person should be rendered such honor; and be it further resolved that the chief in his/her discretion use an appropriate emergency vehicle of the fire district for a funeral cortege. V.F.B.L. §5(1-e).

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