

<b>HALIFAX FIRE DEPARTMENT R&amp;R ARTICLE 8</b>	<b>UNIFORM POLICY</b>
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### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to clearly distinguish our members from that of others with a uniform that is readily identifiable to the public.

To have an established uniform policy that displays the highest level of professionalism and pride in our department and profession.

### **General**

Personnel shall present a good personal appearance to the public at all times and reflect a positive image as members of the Halifax Fire Department.

No member of the Fire Department shall wear or affix any insignia or device to their uniform or protective clothing, other than those approved by the Chief.

Uniforms shall be wrinkle and soil free, shirts shall be tucked in.

Boots or shoes shall be polished and tied.

Collared shirts are to be worn on all calls and when interacting with the public. Approved t-shirts may be worn in the station from June 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> or when the temperature is greater than 83 degrees.

Full time members shall keep a complete spare uniform in their locker.

Any questions regarding the appropriate uniform should be directed to the chief prior to ordering

### **Class A Uniform**

1. Navy Blue Dress Uniform Pants
2. Navy Blue Dress  $\frac{3}{4}$  length Jacket, with Department Patch on left sleeve, American Flag (forward facing stars) on the right sleeve, years of service hash marks (1 for each 5 years), and rank appropriate badge.
  - a. Firefighters: single breasted with 4 silver buttons
  - b. Lieutenants: double breasted with silver buttons and 1 silver piping around sleeves.
  - c. Captains: double breasted with silver buttons and 2 silver piping around sleeves.
  - d. Deputy: double breasted with gold buttons and 4 gold piping around the sleeves.
  - e. Chief: double breasted with gold buttons and 5 gold piping around the sleeves.
3. Uniform Dress Shirt, Long Sleeve, white for officers, light blue for firefighters with department patch on left sleeve and either the American Flag (forward facing stars) the appropriate EMT patches on the Right sleeve.
4. Bell Cap with badge, white for officers and blue for Firefighters.
5. Black shoes or boots
6. Black belt
7. HFD or rank collar insignia.
8. Rank appropriate badge
9. Black tie.
10. Undergarments (socks, underwear, T shirt /Bra)
  - a. Officers shall wear white T-shirts
  - b. FF's Shall wear Navy T-Shirts
  - c. Socks shall be black
  - d. No writing on a t-shirt may be visible while wearing a class A shirt

### **Class B Uniform**

1. The Class B Dress Uniform shall consist of the parts of the Class A Uniform without the use of the  $\frac{3}{4}$  jacket and Bell Cap.

### **Class C Uniform**

1. Navy Blue Uniform pants. (EMS multipocket pants are acceptable, provided they are navy in color).
2. Black belt.
3. Black and polished work shoes or work boots.
4. Navy blue button down uniform shirt, with patches, badge and collar insignia for firefighters.
5. White button-down shirt, with patches, badge and collar insignia for officers.
6. Undergarments (socks, underwear, T shirt /Bra)
  - a. T-shirt color shall match the color of the collared shirt.
  - b. Socks shall be black.

### **Class C Optional Items**

1. Job Shirts (Rubin's) with soft or denim collar, ¼ zipper and appropriate Fire Department logo. (grey for officers and blue for firefighters)
2. Polo shirt, short or long sleeve with appropriate Fire Department logo. (white for chief officers, grey for officers and blue for firefighters)
3. T-Shirts (only to be worn in the station from June 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> or when the temperature is greater than 83 degrees.)
  - a. T Shirts shall have the Fire Department logo on the left chest and **HALIFAX** across the back.  
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  - b. Firefighters shall wear blue T shirts and will have white screen printing.
  - c. Officers shall wear grey T shirts and will have white screen printing
4. Baseball Caps shall be navy blue with the Halifax Fire Department Logo
5. Stocking Caps shall be Navy Blue with the Halifax Fire Department Logo
6. Coats
  - a. Coats shall be navy blue or black in color with the appropriate logo or badge on the left chest.
  - b. Ansi approved Hi Visibility coats are permitted
7. Chief Officers may wear business attire to meetings when appropriate.
8. Red polo shirts, with the approved logo, will be allowed on Fridays only if all members on the duty shift agree to wear them.

## **Fire Department Logos/Patches**

1. Department Logo - Maltese cross on crossed axes, with the wording Halifax between the axe heads and scramble in the inner circle.



- A. Captains and Lieutenants shall have blue lettering and grey rank insignia in the inner circle (with the exception of a blue jacket)
  - B. Chief Officers shall have gold lettering and gold logo with a gold rank insignia in the inner circle
2. Department Patch – Red and black patch with yellow trim and yellow letters with the words Halifax Fire.



## **Collar Insignia**

Firefighters: HFD (Silver)

Lieutenants: One bugle on red background

Captains: Two silver parallel bugles on red background

Deputy Chief: Four crossed gold bugles on red background

Chief: Five crossed gold bugles on red background

## **Badges**

Firefighter: Silver, with Firefighter scramble on red background

Wording: HALIFAX FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FIREFIGHTER

Lieutenant: Silver, with one bugle on red background

Wording: HALIFAX FIRE DEPARTMENT  
LIEUTENANT

Captain: Silver, with two parallel bugles on red background

Wording: HALIFAX FIRE DEPARTMENT  
CAPTAIN

Deputy Chief: Gold, with four bugles crossed on red background

Wording: HALIFAX FIRE DEPARTMENT  
DEPUTY CHIEF

Chief: Gold with five bugles crossed on red background

Wording: HALIFAX FIRE DEPARTMENT  
CHIEF

## **Awards**

Service awards, as established by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services, shall be worn on the right side of the uniform shirt above the pocket flap or in a corresponding location of the dress blouse or uniform jacket.