CARVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guidelines

Section 1.18 – Uniforms **June 15, 2013**

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to allow members of The Carver Fire Department to facilitate the display of a neat and professional appearance by establishing a policy and guidelines concerning fire department uniforms, provide functional identification for the fire department and the public, establish the uniformity of dress for all members of the department, provide guidelines for the placement of uniform accessories, in order to promote an excellent public image.

1.2 AUTHORITY

The Uniform Committee with the approval of the Fire Chief shall have the authority to establish or change fire department uniform standards and guidelines.

1.3 RESPONSIBILITY

The uniform committee shall be charged with reviewing, and updating/revising the uniform guidelines as necessary.

1.4 GUIDELINES

All members are responsible for maintaining a neat and professional appearance; furthermore all officers are responsible to insure that those they supervise comply with the department uniform standard. All equipment listed shall be worn by fire department members as follows.

1.5 CLASS A DRESS UNIFORM

This uniform shall only be worn when instructed by the Chief or Deputy Chief of the department. If a member does not have a fire department Class A uniform the member, shall wear dress pants and coat with a button up shirt and tie and dress shoes. It shall consist of:

01. Firefighter

-Double breasted navy suit coat with silver buttons
-Navy dress pants
-Short or long sleeve light blue uniform shirt
-Black belt
-Black clip on tie
-Black socks

-Black dress shoes
-White gloves
-Blue bell cap with black ribbon

02. Company Officer

-Double breasted navy suit coat with silver buttons
-Navy dress pants
-Short or long sleeve light blue uniform shirt
-Black belt
-Black clip on tie
-Black socks
-Black dress shoes
-White gloves
-White bell cap with black hat band with silver ribbons

03. Chaplain

-Double breasted navy suit coat with gold buttons
-Navy dress pants
-Short or long sleeve white uniform shirt
-Black belt
-Black clip on tie
-Black socks
-Black dress shoes
-White gloves
-White bell cap with black hat band and gold ribbon

04. Chief Officers

-Double breasted navy suit coat with gold buttons
-Navy dress pants
-Short or long sleeve white uniform shirt
-Black belt
-Black clip on tie
-Black socks
-Black dress shoes
-White gloves
-White bell cap with white hat band and gold ribbon

05. Hardware and Patches

A. All uniform suit coats will have the Carver Fire Department patch sewn on the left sleeve. If a department member is also a certified EMT, then the Massachusetts EMT patch may be sewn on the right sleeve. The American flag patch shall not be sewn onto the suit coat.

B. All uniform shirts shall have the Carver Fire Department patch sewn on the right sleeve, and the American flag sewn on the left sleeve.

C. Metal name plates and collar insignias shall not be worn.

D. Chief Officers shall wear the proper collar insignia. The fire chief shall wear the gold 5 crossed bugle scramble centered on the collar between the neck and the tip of the collar.

E. All members shall wear only the Carver Fire Department issued badge. The badge shall be affixed to left breast of the suit coat or uniform shirt.

1. Chief of the Department shall wear gold badge with 5 crossed bugles.
2. Deputy Chief Gold badge with 4 crossed bugles.
3. Chaplain gold badge with cross in the middle.
4. Captain silver badge with 2 parallel bugles.
5. Lieutenants silver badge 1 bugle.
6. Firefighters silver badge with FD scramble.

F. All members are responsible for the cleaning and pressing of the uniforms.

G. When worn uniforms shall be cleaned and pressed and shoes shall be neatly shined.

H. All department issued uniforms shall be returned to the fire department when the member leaves the fire department.

I. Any insignias not issued or approved by the fire chief or uniform committee shall not be worn.

J. Members of the fire department may purchase at their expense dark blue raincoats. Such raincoats may be worn with either Class A or Class B uniforms. The Carver Fire Department patch shall be sewn onto the left sleeve of the rain coat.

1.6 CLASS B UNIFORM

The class B uniform (summer uniform) may be worn when the temperature is forecast to be at or in excess of 80 degrees. It shall consist of:

01. Firefighter

-Light blue short sleeve uniform shirt
-Navy blue uniform pants
-Black belt
-Black socks
-Black dress shoes
-Black clip on tie
-Firefighter dress hat

02. Company Officer

-Light blue short sleeve uniform shirt
-Navy blue uniform pants
-Black belt
-Black socks
-Black dress shoes
-Black clip on tie
-White officers dress hat

03. Chief Officers and Department Chaplain

-White short sleeve uniform shirt
-Navy blue dress pants
-Black belt
-Black socks
-Black dress shoes
-Black clip on tie
-White officers dress hat

Members have the discretion as to whether long or short sleeve uniform shirts are worn with Class A or B.

1.17 CLASS C UNIFORM

The Class C uniform or work uniform shall be worn when the primary focus of the fire department activity is public contact. Public contact shall be defined as fire station tours, demonstrations, and other public meetings. It shall consist of:

-Department approved T-shirt, sweatshirt, or Reuben
-Dark blue work pants
-Appropriate shoes

1.18 UNIFORM HARDWARE

* All items are Hook-Fast

Hat Badge – model # B-5011
Chiefs and Department Chaplain - Gold
Captains and Lieutenants – Silver
Firefighters – Silver

Badge – model # B-310
Chiefs and Department Chaplain – Gold
Captains and Lieutenants – Silver
Firefighters – Silver

Estimated Price List

Doughboy Uniform and Supply
Kingston, MA

Double Breasted suit coat	$250.00	Matching dress pants	$ 79.95
S/S light blue shirt	$ 45.00	L/S light blue shirt	$ 47.00
Black clip on tie	$ 8.00	White gloves	$ 4.00
High gloss dress shoe	$ 99.00	White bell cap	$ 50.00
Blue bell cap	$ 45.00	Hat band (all)	$ 5.00
Black socks	$ 8.00	Black leather belt	$ 20.00

Up size charges:

2XL size 52-54	add 10%
3XL size 56-58	add 20%
4XL size 60	add 30%