

Town of Needham Board of Selectmen

Policy Number:	BOS-DIS-002
Policy:	Proper Half-Staff Display of the Flag of the United States

Policy:

Half-staff display of the United States flag is intended as a visible, public symbol of respect for the heroic service and sacrifice of public officials and military personnel upon their death. The United States flag will be lowered to half-staff on municipal buildings and grounds under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the schedule set forth below.

The Town Manager is authorized to direct that such flags be flown at half-staff upon the death of prominent local officials consistent with the policy set forth above; or in accordance with an order issued by the President of the United States or the Governor of the Commonwealth. The U.S. flag will also be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day, Memorial Day, Patriot Day, and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

Procedure:

<u>On Death of</u>	<u>Flag Displayed at Half-Staff</u>
President or Former President	For 30 Days from the Date of Death
Vice President; Chief Justice or Retired Chief Justice of the U.S.; Speaker of the House of Representatives	For 10 Days from the Date of Death
Associate Justice of Supreme Court; Cabinet Member; Former Vice President; President Of the Senate; Majority Leader of House; Minority Leader of House	From the Day of Death until Interment
U.S. Senator from Massachusetts; U.S. Representative from Massachusetts Representing Needham	From the Day of Death until Interment
Governor of Massachusetts	From the Day of Death until Interment
Needham Police Officer, Firefighter, Or military personnel killed in the line Of duty	From the Day of Death until Interment
Prominent Local Official	From the Day of Death until Interment

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