

MISSION

The BLM Honor Guard is a team of current firefighters who have chosen to honor their co-workers and represent the agency when tragedy strikes. For those who make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, the Honor Guard pays tribute to their lives and honors their memories with its ceremonial presentations.

While the main mission for the Honor Guard is to participate and help plan fire service memorials, the teams may also represent the BLM at national-level events to improve partnerships and enhance the image of the BLM.

This duty is a labor of love for the individuals who take the time to train and participate with this team. It is a duty each of them take very seriously.

"It is truly an honor to conduct our presentations when one of our own falls in the line of duty. "We can only hope that our presence expresses to the family how much their loved one meant to all of their fire service brothers and sisters."

Darron Williams
Assistant Fire Management Officer
and Honor Guard Member

OUR SERVICES

Memorials

The memorial has many elements, and at the request of the family or agency, the Honor Guard can respond to any location throughout the country to provide the service. Here are some of the most commonly requested ceremonial presentations:

Flag Presentations



In the event of a line of duty death, an Honor Guard team may fold a ceremonial flag and present it to a family member of choice; usually a parent, spouse or child.

Ushers and Guards



A team may serve as ushers for family, close friends and other important guests of the service. They may also post in appropriate locations to serve as guards of the deceased.

Casket Bearers



The Honor Guard may serve as casket bearers for the family. All members have been trained to perform this duty with dignity and respect.

In addition, the BLM Honor Guard has a bag pipe player available to perform a number of ceremonial songs.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Honor Guard teams may also be called on to participate in special events and to represent the agency in a variety of national-level functions. The types of events in which team members have participated, include national monument dedications, state and regional firefighter tribute ceremonies, and national awards ceremonies.

The presence of the Honor Guard adds a decorum of respect and formality to any event.



Colorado Fallen Firefighter
Memorial 2003

Perfection

Pride

Professionalism

Precision

OUR PLEDGE

Handpicked to serve as a member of the Bureau of Land Management Honor Guard, my standards of conduct and level of professionalism must be above reproach, for I represent all others in my service.

Others earned the right for me to wear the ceremonial uniform. I will honor their memory by wearing it properly and proudly.

Never will I allow my performance to be dictated by the type of ceremony, severity of the temperature, or size of the crowd. I will remain superbly conditioned to perfect all movement throughout every drill and ceremony.

Obligated by my oath I am constantly driven to excel by a deep devotion to duty and a strong sense of dedication.

Representing every member, past and present, of the BLM, I vow to stand sharp, crisp, and motionless, for I am a ceremonial guardsman.



THE HONOR GUARD



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*Honoring The Memories and
Paying Tribute To The Lives of
Our Fallen Firefighters*

