

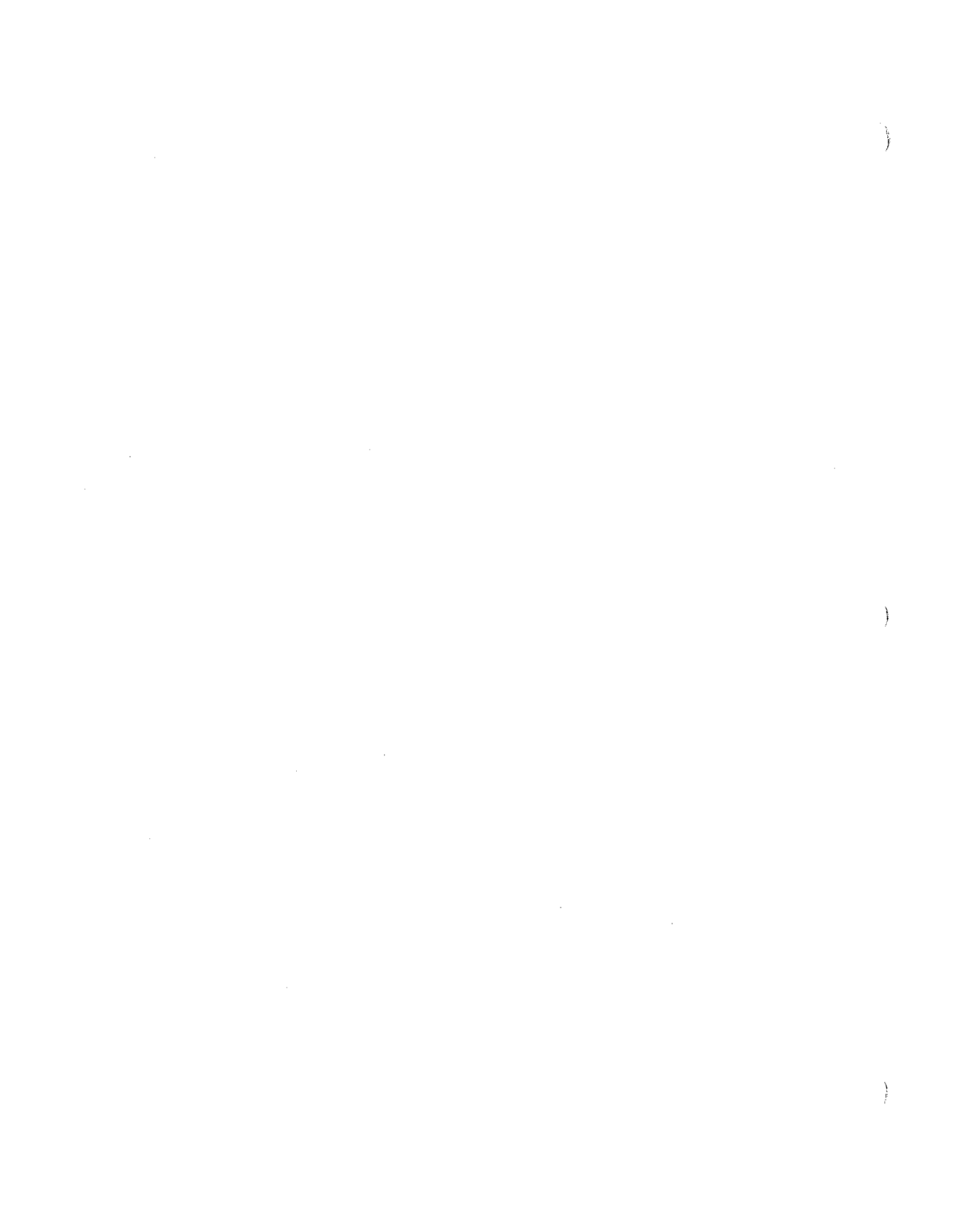


# **FLAG ETIQUETTE**

**CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS**

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### **FLAGS — GENERAL**

Flags should always be treated with respect and should be maintained and folded properly when not being flown.

Only flags in good condition should be flown. Never fly a tattered, faded or stained flag.

Information and instructions on carrying flags is contained in the section on Colour Parties.

### **FLAG DISPLAYS**

Generally the Provincial or Territorial flag is flown at buildings having a single flag mast.

Both the Canadian and Provincial or Territorial flags will be flown at buildings with two flag masts. The Canadian flag will be flown on the right as viewed from inside the building.

Where another flag or banner is displayed, it shall be flown beneath the Canadian flag, positioned at a distance equal to its width.

Where three masts are available, other flags or banners shall be flown on the centre mast.

Where a flag is displayed on a wall, it shall be vertical with what would normally be the top of the flag appearing to the viewer's left.

### **OFFICIAL FLAG**

For a full honours funeral ceremony, the Provincial or Territorial flag will be used to drape the pall over the casket.

When draped over a casket, or being handled, the flag shall not touch the ground, or be so placed as to be below the eye level of a seated person.

The flag shall not cover any object other than a casket, monument or photograph.

For a full honours funeral ceremony, the official flag shall be presented to the spouse or next of kin.

## **SECTION 6**

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### **HALF - MASTING FLAGS**

Flags shall be dipped to half-mast as soon as notification is received of an active firefighter's death. They shall remain at half-mast until sunset the day of burial. Municipalities also have protocol for a death of others within the municipality, province or Canada.

The Chief of the department or chairman of the funeral committee, should notify the city, region or township clerk, so that their flags may be flown at half-mast.

The position of a flag at half-mast depends on its size and the height and location of the flagstaff. Generally, however, the centre of the flag shall be halfway down the flagstaff.

When hoisted to or lowered from half-mast, a flag shall first be raised to the masthead.