

BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

FUNERAL ESCORTS

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PURPOSE

The Bloomington Police Department provides funeral escorts upon request. Funeral escort requests will be accommodated when the shift has sufficient manpower and the call load allows assigning an officer to the detail.

PROCEDURE

Representatives from funeral homes, within the city limits of Bloomington, will contact the Bloomington Communications Center to request escort services. The telecommunicator will gather the following information:

- Name of the funeral home
- Date and time of the service
- Location of the service
- Time the escort is requested
- Escort route to be taken.

Funeral escorts will be conducted within the city limits of Bloomington. Escorts which leave the city limits will terminate at the city limits unless prior arrangements have been made with the on duty shift commander.

Funeral escorts will be conducted by uniformed personnel operating marked squad cars. Funeral home personnel are responsible for identifying the vehicles participating in the funeral procession. Funeral processions will comply with 625 ILCS 5/11-1420.

OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Officers will make sure vehicles in the procession have been marked and/or have the headlights and emergency flashers on.
2. Verify the selected procession route is free of major construction or other delays or hazards.
3. The escorting officer will:
 - Activate headlights and emergency lights.
 - Obey traffic control devices. Officers may proceed through a traffic control device if it is safe to do so.

- Operate the patrol vehicle at an appropriate speed (below the speed limit) to allow the procession to remain together.

The on duty supervisor has the discretion to assign additional personnel to the funeral escort. Examples of when a supervisor may add personnel is if they feel the process is too large or there are other extenuating circumstances.