

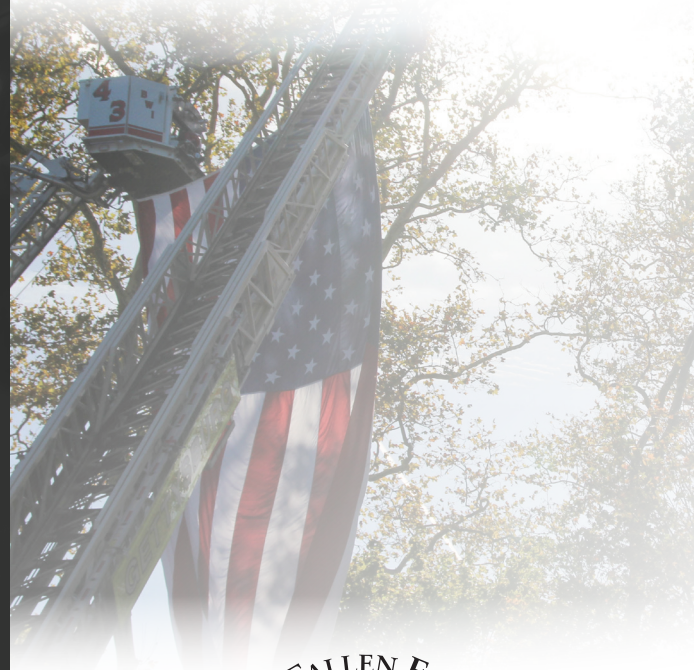
Dealing with a firefighter line-of-duty death is one of the most challenging experiences a fire department can face.

Everything that happens immediately after the death affects the way the family, department, and community recover from the loss. Lack of resources and planning often adds to the confusion and pain.

Often, the best place for a department to turn for support is within its own state or region. Through a collaborative effort between the Department of Justice and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF), resources and training have helped establish state Local Assistance State Teams (LAST) to deploy and provide much-needed assistance to fire departments and the firefighter's family immediately following a line-of-duty death.

If you have a line-of-duty death in your department, call **LAST first: (866) 736-5868**

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Local Assistance State Team



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“Words cannot say what the team has done to help me and my family during our time of need. I guess one word comes to mind, ‘Godsend.’ Thank you so much.”

– Tennessee Family Member



“With the loss that we had, there is no way that we could have organized everything without the team. They were very professional and I strongly recommend them.”

– Texas Fire Chief

“Unless you have experienced such a devastating loss, it is hard to know how overwhelming this can be. I cannot begin to express our gratitude to the team for what they did for our department.”

– Virginia Fire Chief



The LAST are comprised of members from all areas of public safety, as well as families affected by line-of-duty deaths and volunteers from all lines of work. They are passionate about helping those who have suffered the loss of a family member or department member in the line of duty. The primary mission of LAST is to provide assistance and comfort to the family and the department after a line-of-duty death and to help with filing for federal, state and local benefits.

LAST Members Include:

- State Coordinator
- Honor Guard Personnel
- Fire Service Chaplain
- Peer Health Support
- Fire Hero Family Member
- Law Enforcement Personnel
- Public Information Officer
- Media Specialist
- Benefits Specialist
- Logistics Specialist
- Legal Counsel
- Financial Counsel
- Medical Examiner
- Funeral Director
- Administrative Assistant
- Subject Matter Experts:
 - Wildland Firefighting
 - Department of Forestry
 - Military Fire Service
 - Department of Veterans Affairs