

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATING PROCEDURES MANUAL		
CHAPTER 106	DISPLAY AND CARE OF THE FLAG	
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106.100 INTRODUCTION

The department establishes proper display and care for the United States flag, the Alaska flag, and division flags.

106.300 WHEN DISPLAYED

It is the universal custom to display the flag of the United States only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. The flag may be displayed at night upon special occasions or conditions. The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement.

106.320 HOW DISPLAYED

No other flag or pennant shall be placed above the United States flag if hanging on the same staff or pole. If the Alaska flag is to be flown on the same staff, it will be placed below the United States flag and far enough below that the two do not touch. The United States flag, when carried in a procession with another flag or flags, should either be on the marching right, that is, the flag's own right, or if there is a line of other flags, in front of that line.

106.320 CARE OF THE FLAGS

When the flag is raised or lowered, it should never touch anything beneath it, such as ground, floor, water, or merchandise. The United States flag shall be the first to be hoisted and the last to be descended. The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a place or manner as will permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way. The flag shall always be folded and stored in the accepted traditional manner. The flag, when it is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, shall be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

106.330 DIVISION FLAGS

Divisions may, with the approval of the Commissioner, adopt a division flag. When displayed outside, the division flag will be placed on the same flagpole as the Alaska flag and will be positioned directly below it. The division flag may be displayed, when appropriate, at special functions such as parades, public safety banquets, etc.

106.330 HALF-STAFF

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In accordance with federal law, state law, and DPS policy, at certain times flags that are displayed on an external flagpole shall be flown at half-staff. Upon order of the President or the Governor the United States flag shall be flown at half-staff, along with any other flag displayed with or near the US flag. Upon order of the Governor, the Alaska state flag shall be flown at half-staff along with any division flags. Upon order of the Commissioner, or upon notification that a current or retired DPS employee in good standing has died, division flags may be flown at half-staff until interment or seven days, whichever occurs first.