

Arizona Local Assistance State Team (AZ LAST)

Everything that happens immediately after a line-of-duty death affects the way the family, the department, and the community recovers from the loss. Lack of resources and planning often adds to the confusion and pain that occurs. The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (www.firehero.org) thinks the best place for a department to turn for support is within its own state or region. Through a collaborative effort with the Department of Justice, the NFFF developed resources and training to help establish state and regional Local Assistance State Teams (LAST) to assist in the event of a line-of-duty death.



Based on the NFFF's goals of trying to have a Local Assistance State Team (LAST) for each State, the Arizona Fire Chiefs Association established an Arizona Local Assistance State Team (AZ LAST). The AZ LAST primary objective is to provide assistance and comfort to the family and department after a line-of-duty death, assist the surviving family in filing for the Department of Justice Public Safety Officer Benefits, and to act as the initial contact and agents for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

The AZ LAST can provide: Honor Guard and Ceremonial Support; Critical Incident Stress Management members to work with the department and the family, an emergency services survivor to work with the family; Department of Justice- Public Safety Officers Benefits (DOJ-PSOB) expertise; Federal, State and Local benefits that may benefit the family; along with other information and resources to assist the family and department

What the AZ LAST will do: Respond only when requested; be on the ground within six hours with the team components that are requested; ensure the family and the department are the priority at all times; ask first before taking any action; maintain transparency and work behind the scenes; provide timely and accurate information; practice personal and team integrity; ensure quality over expediency; show empathy at all times; have an exit strategy after the first day on the ground.

What the AZ LAST won't do: Self respond! Take over! Do anything without consulting the chief or designee and/or family! Give inaccurate information.

[For immediate assistance or to report a line-of-duty death call 866-736-5868.](tel:866-736-5868)

We encourage anyone who requires further information about the Arizona Local Assistance State Team to contact their state's designated representative, listed below:

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