

EMS Badge Shrouding

Purpose: The mourning band is the traditional way for Police, Fire & EMS to publicly mourn the Line of Duty Death of one of their own. While there is no national standard, it is important for the sake of uniformity that each crew member adheres to a standard guideline.

Black mourning bands shall be worn on the Badges of Paramedics, EMT's and Dispatchers only in the following circumstances.

- **Within your Department:** Upon the Line of Duty Death of a Paramedic, EMT or Dispatcher, the mourning band shall be worn by the department from the time of death until midnight on the 30th
- **Within your region:** Neighboring agencies. Police, Fire & EMS in the region shall wear the mourning from the time of death until midnight on the day of the funeral.
- **Out of region:** Paramedics, EMT's from out of state will wear the mourning band from the morning of the funeral until the conclusion of the funeral.
- **ALL** Paramedics, EMT's and Dispatchers should wear the mourning band on the day of the National EMS Memorial Service.

How to Shroud your badge:

- The shrouding of a badge is accomplished by placing a 1/2" to 3/4" piece of black material horizontally around the badge at its midpoint. (See picture examples below)

