

Uniform Regulations
Rhode Island Professional
Firefighters Pipes and Drums



101. Scope and Applicability

Provide clear instructions to all members regarding the appropriate uniform for performances and appearances. All members must abide by these rules. Notice of the appropriate uniform will be provided to all members prior to the event by the Drum Major and/or Pipe Major or their designee.

101.2. RIPFFP&D Uniform Regulations

All band members must comply with RIPFFP&D uniform regulations. The Drum Major will enforce this policy. In the absence of the Drum Major, the Pipe Major will have the authority to enforce uniform regulations. If both are absent the next highest ranking band official will enforce this policy. Only the Drum Major, Pipe Major and Drum Sergeant have the authority to make temporary changes to our policy. Failure to wear and maintain appropriate uniforms for performances or events will result in member not being able to perform.

101.3. Wearing of Unauthorized Items on Uniform

Any uniform items, medals or medallions that are not authorized as stated in the RIPFFP&D uniform regulations are strictly prohibited.

101.4. Wearing of RIPFFP&D Uniform

While wearing the official uniform of the RIPFFP&D, all members must keep their uniform in a clean and neatly pressed fashion. Care must be given to preserve and maintain the uniform and accessories.

102. Member Supplied Uniform Items

Each band member will be responsible for purchasing applicable uniform specified below. All items purchased must meet the specifications as set forth in Article One of these regulations.

Royal Stewart Kilt, Glengarry, Short sleeve white shirt, Long sleeve white shirt, Black tie, Black V neck commando sweater, Kilt belt, Belt Buckle, Kilt Pin, Hose, Hose Flash, Spats, Black Shoes.

103. Band Issue Uniform Items

Each member will be issued a band approved doublet and Hat badge. Each member will be responsible for the applicable deposit for their Doublet.

Band members are required to maintain band issued equipment and will be responsible for its replacement of lost or damaged.

104. Optional Items

Sgain Dubh, Horse hair sporran for pipers, Black pouch, Water bottle holder, Black leather sporran for drummers, Dirk with black sheath, Inverness rain cape black, Band towel with members department name and band logo. All optional items must be approved by the Pipe or Drum Major.

201. Definitions

202. Class A Band Uniform – Full Dress Winter

Black Shoes, Spats, Black Hose, Red Flashes, Royal Stewart Kilt, Kilt Belt with Buckle, Black Band Doublet, Glengarry with Band Badge. Suspenders may be worn under doublets. If a member does not have a doublet they will wear their Department issued Class A tunic with white shirt and black tie.

The coat will be worn outside with kilt belt over the tunic. Honor Guard Members: Parade / funeral flag holders will be black to blend in with the doublets. Parade gloves will be black if needed.

Funeral gloves will be white.

Eye wear other than prescription is prohibited at memorial services and funerals.

In door winter with Police band i.e. Honor Flight-Long sleeve white shirt with black tie

203. Class A Band Uniform – Summer Dress

Black Shoes, Spats, Black Hose, Red Flashes, Royal Stewart Kilt, Kilt Belt with Buckle, White Short Sleeve Shirt with Plain White Tee Shirt, Glengarry with Band Badge, Band Towel (optional). Eye

wear other than prescription is prohibited at memorial services and funerals. Honor Guard Members:

No gloves with short sleeve shirts, Parade flag holders will be white to match the white uniform shirts, Funeral flag holders will be black as a sign of mourning.

204. Class B Band Uniform – Casual Wear

Golf/polo shirt color per division i.e.white Honor Guard green Pipers and black Drummers. Black Shoes, Spats, Black Hose, Red Flashes, Royal Stewart Kilt, Kilt Belt with Buckle, Glengarry ,Band towel, and suspenders.

205. Class C Band Uniform – Pub Wear

Kilt does not have to be Royal Stewart, Tee shirt (may be specified by event), optional: hats, spats, hose, and flashers.-Band towel and suspenders.

301. Head Gear

301.1 – Glengarry – A plain black Glengarry with red pom-pom will be worn by all band members with the exception of the Drum Major. The RIPFFP&D badge will be worn on the left side of the Glengarry. The Pipe Major will wear a red hackle or the tri colored for the month of March.

301.2 – Feather Bonnet – A black ostrich feather bonnet may be worn by the Drum Major.

302 Shirts, Sweaters, and Ties

302.1 – Short Sleeve White Shirts – With band patch on right arm and members department patch on the left arm. The members department badge may be worn on the left chest and band awards will be worn on the right chest. A plain white crew neck tee shirt must be worn under the uniform shirt. No lettering may show through the uniform shirt. While attending funerals all members will wear the thin red line badge cover for fire department funerals and plain black badge covers for all other funerals.

302.2 – Black Commando Sweater – With band patch on the right sleeve and the members department patch on the left sleeve. If the sweater has a badge tab the member may wear their department badge. While attending funerals all members will wear the thin red line badge cover for fire department funerals and plain black badge covers for all other funerals.

302.3 – The Sergeant of the Honor Guard may call for Honor Guard members to wear the green mock turtle neck shirts with the gold Honor Guard and Irish Flag for the March Parades.

302.4 – Necktie – A black tie.

303 Doublets

303.1 – Doublets – Black doublets with silver piping, shoulder shells, band patch on right sleeve, members department patch on left sleeve, band awards to be worn on the left chest.

303.2 - The Drum / Pipe Major will wear the black doublet with silver piping and silver Major stripes and all other insignias to show the designation of Major.

304 Kilt Belts

304.1 – Kilt Belts – Black leather belt 2 ½ or 2 ¼ inches wide with a Silver buckle (members choice) will be worn with all uniforms. All belt buckles must be approved by the Pipe / Drum Major.

305 Kilts

305.1 – Kilt – Royal Stewart Red

306 Hose

306.1 – Full length black hose. Tops of the hose turned down to cover the flashes.

307 Flashes

307.1 – Red double worsted flashers for all band members.

307.2 – Honor guard members will wear the tri – color Irish flashers for the month of March.

308 Spats

308.1 – White canvas with white buttons and Velcro closures.

309 Shoes

309.1 – Black leather shoe with plain toe.

310 Sporrans

310.1 – Dress Sporrans – Pipers may wear a Military pattern hair sporran with heavy cast silver cantle in silver tone and two black hair tails.

310.2 – Plain Black Sporrans – Drummers may wear a plain black leather sporran with silver hardware.

311 Sgian Dubh / Dirk

311.1 – Optional – All band members may equip themselves with a sgian dubh of the design of their choice. The Sgian Dubh will be worn in the right hose above the flasher.

311.2 – Optional – All band members may equip themselves with a Dirk with black sheath.

312 Black Pouch

312.1 – Optional – Members may have a black pouch which is worn on the kilt belt.

313 Black Bottle Holder

313.1 – Optional – Members may have a black leather water bottle holder which is worn on the kilt belt.

314 – Arrangement of Band Issued Pins / Awards

314.1 – All band issued pins / awards will be worn on the left chest of the doublet or over the right pocket on the white summer dress shirt.

314.2 – Order of Band Issued Pins / Awards

Years of service pins / band award pins will be worn on top followed by band memorial pins and lastly other approved pins.

See appendix A for full description of pin / award arrangement.

Band Issued Pins (As of 6/29/15)

Band Years of Service Pins

(no 15 year pin has been issued yet, orange for sake of demonstration)

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Band Memorial Pins

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| SPS 2011 | PLG 2013 | BWT 2015 |
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Proper arrangement of pins on band uniform

Pins are worn on right chest

Member less than 5 years with memorial pins

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| SPS 2011 | PLG 2013 | BWT 2015 |
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5-9 year member with memorial pins

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10-14 year member with memorial pins

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15-19 year member with memorial pins

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Placement of additional pins/awards

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