

POLICY 115.1	PROTOCOL - RESPECT TO THE FLAG AND NATIONAL ANTHEM	
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A. POLICY

It is the policy of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department to follow protocol when showing reverence to the Flag and National Anthem.

B. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish uniformity and consistency in showing reverence to the Flag and National Anthem.

C. During the ceremony of hoisting the flag, or when the flag is passing in a parade or in a review, police officers in uniform should face the flag, stand at attention, and render a military-type hand salute. If in a parade, the salute to the flag should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.

Police officers not in uniform and civilian personnel should hold their right hand over their heart. Hats shall be removed.

D. When the National Anthem is played and the flag is not displayed, police officers in uniform should stand, face the music, render a military-type salute at the first note, and retain this position until the last note.

1. Police officers not in uniform and civilian personnel should stand at attention and face the music.
2. Hats shall be removed.

E. When the National Anthem is played and the flag is displayed, all present should face the flag rather than the music and render the type of salute to the flag according to their dress.

F. During the Pledge of Allegiance when the flag is not displayed, all persons, whether in uniform or not, shall stand at attention and place their right hand over their heart.

During the Pledge of Allegiance when the flag is displayed all personnel shall render respect by facing the flag, while standing at attention and placing their right hand over their heart.

When not in uniform, hats should be removed, with the right hand and placed at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

G. It is recognized of course that there will be occasions when the very nature of police work will demand that we give preference to our specific duties rather than show respect to our National Flag.