

## **Chapter 2 – Administration**

### **Sec. 2-7 Line of duty death determinations.**

Pursuant to Connecticut Public Act No. 24-16, the Town Manager shall have the sole authority to make certain line of duty death determinations as specified herein.

- (a) If the death of a uniformed paid or volunteer firefighter is caused by a cardiac event, stroke, or pulmonary embolism that occurred not later than twenty-four (24) hours after such firefighter concluded a shift or training, the Town Manager shall have the authority to determine whether such firefighter died in the line of duty. Such declaration by the Town Manager shall not be used as evidence for a workers' compensation claim under C.G.S. Chapter 568.
  - (1) The above Section (a) shall not apply to volunteer fire companies that operate within their own fire districts separate from the Town of Bloomfield. The authority to make line of duty death determinations pursuant to Connecticut Public Act No. 24-16 shall remain with the Fire Chief of the respective volunteer fire company.
- (b) If the death of a police officer is caused by a cardiac event, stroke, or pulmonary embolism that occurred not later than twenty-four (24) hours after such officer concluded a shift or training, the Town Manager shall have the authority to determine whether such officer died in the line of duty. Such declaration by the Town Manager shall not be used as evidence for a workers' compensation claim under C.G.S. Chapter 568.
  - (1) For purposes of this section, "police officer" has the same meaning as provided in section 7-294a of the general statutes.
- (c) If the death of any emergency medical service personnel, as defined in section 19a-175 of the general statutes, is caused by a cardiac event, stroke or pulmonary embolism that occurred not later than twenty-four (24) hours after such personnel concluded a shift or training, the Town Manager shall have the authority to determine whether such personnel died in the line of duty. Such declaration by the Town Manager shall not be used as evidence for a workers' compensation claim under C.G.S. Chapter 568.