



# Durham Police Department Flag Protocols for Special Events

## Presentation of Colors

When officers of the Durham Police Department Honor Guard present the colors, they march in with the flags and present during the National Anthem. Once the National Anthem is complete, the Honor Guard marches out with the flags.

**\*\*Note: A U.S. flag may be on display on a stage or in a room during the presentation of colors.**



## Posting of Colors/Retrieval of Colors

When officers of the Durham Police Department Honor Guard post colors, they march in with the flags and present them during the National Anthem. Once the National Anthem is complete, the Honor Guard - in ceremonial fashion - places the U.S. flag and state flag in a fixed position on the stage or in the room. The Honor Guard then marches out until time for retrieval (usually the close of the program).

When the Honor Guard retrieves the colors, the officers will march in and ceremonially take the colors from their fixed place and march out of the venue.

**\*\*Note: If the colors are posted, they must be retrieved. Also, only one set of colors may be posted in a room at any time.**

## U.S. Flag in Advance of Audience, Near Podium, Speaker, Interviews

When displayed from a staff in an auditorium, on stage, in a sanctuary or near a podium, the U.S. Flag should hold the position of superior prominence. The **U. S. Flag should be placed to the speaker's right as he/she faces the audience.** Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the speaker (to the right of the audience). This flag /positioning also applies to headshots and filmed interviews.

