

## **Bell Service Reading**

Throughout most of history, the lives of firefighters have been closely associated with the ringing of a bell. As they began their hours of duty, it was the bell that started it off.

Through the day and night, each alarm was sounded by a bell that called them to fight fire and to place their lives in jeopardy for the good of their fellow man. And when the fire was out, and the alarm had come to an end, the bell rang to signal the end.

And now our brother has completed his task, his duties well done, and the bell rings in memory of, and in tribute to, his life and service.

The Officer-in-Charge calls everyone to Attention.

The Color Guard is called to Present Arms.

The bell is struck in this sequence: five rings - - five rings - - five rings

The Color Guard is called to Order Arms.

The firefighters are seated (if in church or funeral home).

The chaplain offers a closing prayer.