

72.021 Care of remains of first responder, coroner, or deputy coroner killed in the line of duty.

- (1) The coroner shall ensure that the remains of a police officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel, as defined in KRS 61.315, or a coroner or deputy coroner, killed in the line of duty are returned to the care and custody of that person's family or other party responsible for the person's final arrangements in a professional manner so as to obscure the contour of the decedent's remains. Upon the wishes of the family or other responsible party, the coroner shall ensure that the decedent is covered by an American flag in honor of his or her service.
- (2) The coroner may make arrangements with the family or other responsible party of a decedent described in subsection (1) of this section to have the individual returned to the care and custody of that person's family or other party responsible for the person's final arrangement by a funeral home or a designated transport service. In that case, the decedent shall be transported in the manner set out in subsection (1) of this section.

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