# SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE

# FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE



FMO Patch

Meaning behind each item on the patch





**The Olive Branch:** A Symbol of peace, harmony, and hope. the olive branch has been used by various cultures, religions, political movements, and individuals to communicate harmony and reconciliation.



## The Round Table Meaning:

A Round Table is the large circular table of King Arthur and his knights. The Round Table is King Arthur's famed table in the Arthurian legend, around which he and his knights congregate. As its name suggests, it has no head, implying that everyone who sits there has equal status.

The four (4) sections of the Fire Marshal's Office are equally important in reaching the mission of the organization.

#### Maltese Cross as the round table meaning:

The Maltese Cross is your symbol of protection. It means that the firefighter who wears this cross is willing to lay down his life for you just as the crusaders sacrificed their lives for their fellow man so many years ago.



### **Swords meaning:**

The sword symbolizes protection, strength, courage, and the penetrating power of the intellect. It is a symbol of knighthood and chivalry. In the FMO logo, the swords are laid down on the 'round table' further indicating all are equal, there is trust among members, and all perspectives are welcome.

#### **Character traits of King Author and the Knights:**

The basis for the code of Chivalry followed by King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table were Honor, Honesty, Valor and Loyalty.

# Oath of the Knights of the Round Table:

I will develop my life for the greater good