

**GOVERNOR HOCHUL DIRECTS FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF IN HONOR OF WEST  
COLESVILLE FIRE CHIEF JAMES SITEK**

***Flags To Be Flown at Half-Staff Across New York State on Thursday, July 10***

Governor Kathy Hochul today directed flags on all State government buildings to be flown at half-staff in honor of West Colesville Fire Chief James Sitek, who passed away on July 6 in the line of duty, while responding to a fire in Conklin. **Flags will be at half-staff from sunrise to sunset on Thursday, July 10.**

“Our first responders are admirable — stepping up for our communities in times of need, ensuring all are safe and protected from harm,” **Governor Hochul said.** “First responders go above and beyond, and I join the West Colesville community, family and loved ones in mourning the loss of their fearless Fire Chief, James Sitek.”

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