

## Delivery Confirmations

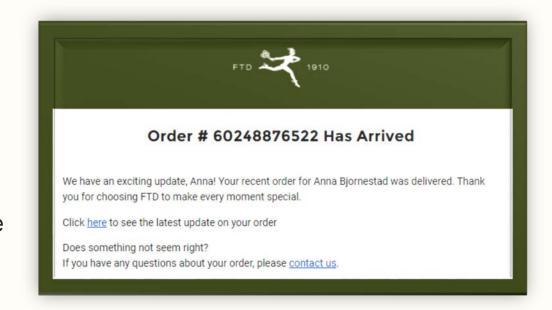
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What happens with the orders after being sent to a florist for fulfillment?



Our customers today expect up to date information. Each step results in an autogenerated email to the customer.

- On the Delivery Date Email auto-generated to customer
  - The email assures the customer their order is scheduled for delivery
- 2. Florist advises preparation in progress
  - Email auto-generated to customer the order is being prepared
- 3. Arrangement out for delivery
  - Email auto-generated to advise customer of the status
- 4. Arrangement successfully delivered
  - Notification of delivery confirmation sent to sending florist
    - Email auto-generated confirming delivery





# Delivery Confirmations are Important!

Sending a delivery confirmation is no longer an option to consider, it is a step in the fulfillment process that today's customer expects.

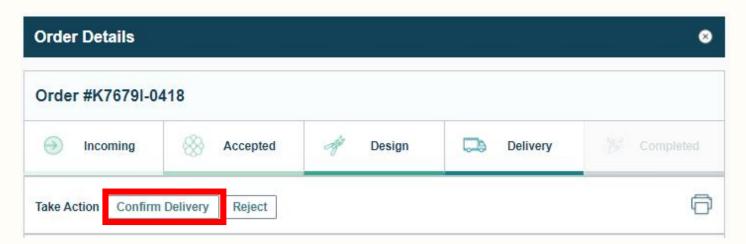
- Provides the senders with necessary information
- Aids the sending florist to resolve "where is my order" inquiries

Simply mark the ticket as delivered



## How to Send a Delivery Confirmation Message

#### Mercury HQ - Confirm Delivery



#### **Completing the Delivery Confirmation**

You will need to enter

**Delivery Date :** Will auto fill with today's date **Delivery Time :** Will auto fill with current time

**Driver:** Enter Drivers Name

**Product Description :** Substitution notes

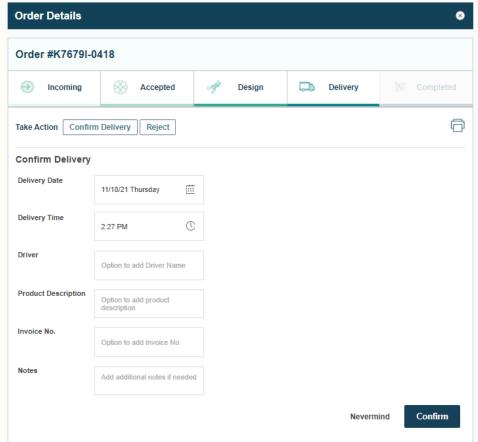
**Invoice No:** If applicable

**Notes:** Any order details that you feel are important to this

delivery







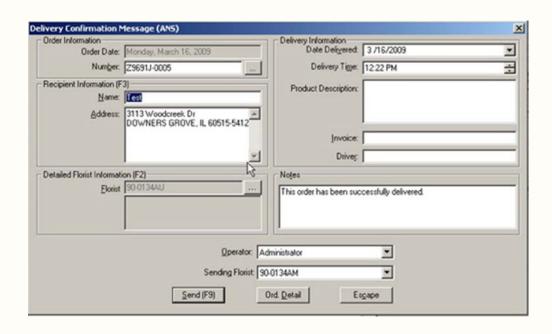
<sup>\*</sup>Be sure follow FTD confirmation policy.

#### Confirming Delivery using FTD Mercury



- 1. On the Main Menu, click Message Search
- 2. Locate the FTD In message you need to send delivery confirmation for and click it
- 3. Click Respond
- 4. Click Delivery Confirmation. The Delivery Confirmation ANS window opens
  - Verify you have selected the proper message
- 5. Fill out the delivery information, including any useful notes for the sending florist
- 6. From the Operator field, select your name
- 7. Click Send

Once the Delivery Confirmation message is received by the Mercury Network, you will receive a printout confirming you sent the confirmation and that it was received by the network.

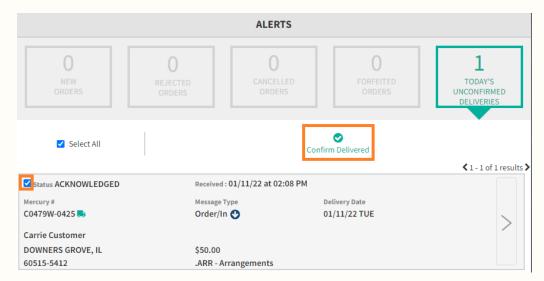


#### Confirming Delivery Using Mercury Cloud



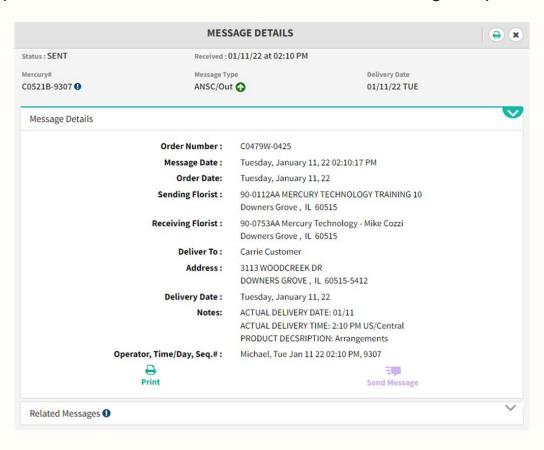
To send a Delivery Confirmation automatically, from either the Alerts screen under "Today's Unconfirmed Deliveries", or within Message Center on a non-delivered order, place a checkmark next to the word Status in the order

Then click "Confirm Delivered" to send a delivery confirmation on the order(s)



After clicking on "Confirm Delivery", an Delivery Confirmation ANS message is sent out.

This message will use the date/time the "Confirm Delivery" option was clicked, along with the product that was sent with the order originally



## Special Considerations



#### Delivery Confirmation is sent EARLY? (when loaded onto delivery vehicle)

- Since delivery confirmations auto-generate an email to the customer confirming delivery, the customer is believes the order is completed
  - Resulting in premature claims of non-delivery
    - This could result in DRP charges and/or extra contacts to member's shop
- Best practice is to send confirmation only after order is delivered



#### Delivery confirmation not sent until the driver returns with log sheets to shop?

- When delivery confirmations are delayed, the customer believes the delivery was not timely
  - Especially important for funeral services making the customer think the service was missed
- This could result in DRP charges and/or extra contacts to member's shop
- Best practice is to send confirmation as close to real-time as possible
- For orders delivered to funeral services florists can either:
  - 1. Take a picture and include it in the delivery confirmation
    - Helpful when funeral home require arrangements to be delivered to a flower room
  - 2. Send the delivery confirmation when delivered



#### Delivery was not completed; however, DCON message sent with "notes"

- Since the message is coming through as a Delivery Confirmation, an auto-generated email is sent to the customer confirming delivery. The underlying cause is often not discovered until the customer calls with a non-delivery claim
  - Better to send an ASK message
    - The customer service team can advise the customer and modify the delivery date to avoid charges to the florist



#### Delivery confirmation sent through ASK / ANS message

- Since the message is not coming through as a Delivery Confirmation, the customer will not receive the autogenerated email confirming delivery.
- This results in increased contacts to FTD as well as customer frustration

## Additional Resources

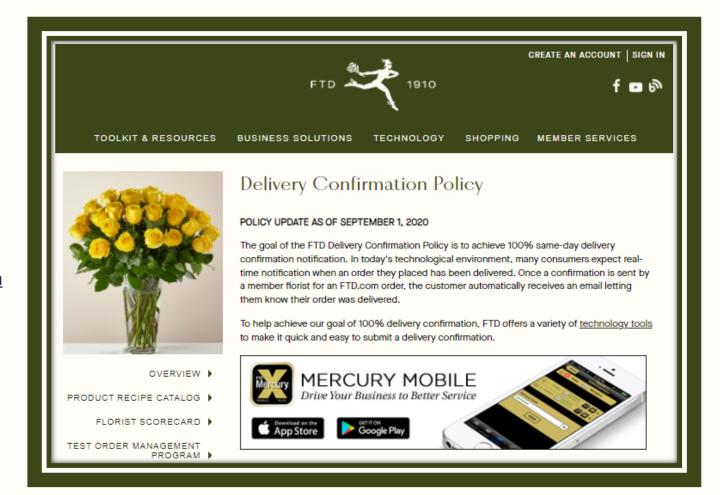


#### Helpful Links

http://www.ftdi.com/quality/delivery/

http://www.ftdi.com/quality/delivery/bestpractices.htm

https://www.ftd.com/delivery-policy?markcode=350



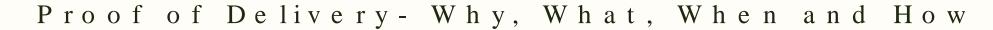
#### Proof of Delivery

- What is it and how it is different from a delivery confirmation
- Why it is requested
- When and how to provide











A delivery confirmation does not constitute Proof of Delivery.

#### Why it's requested

- We will ask for Proof of Delivery when:
- Our customer has claimed non-delivery and the order is marked in our system as delivered
- A non-delivery claim is received and there is no delivery confirmation on the order

#### What it is

- When asked to provide proof of delivery the florist may send:
- Delivery log with a valid signature
- Picture of the arrangement left at the location

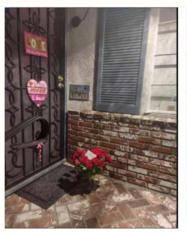
#### When and How to send

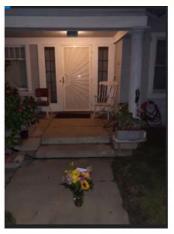
 Proof of delivery should be emailed to <u>CUSTOMERSERVICECT@FTDI.COM</u> within 48 hours of the request

### Valid Proof of Delivery (POD) - <u>Images clearly</u> showing product and address



#### Homes and Apartments











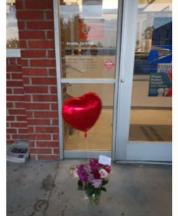


#### Businesses and Funeral Homes









Invalid Proof of
Delivery (POD) Images not showing
address or detail

Images should provide a clear view of what item was delivered and the address of a wide shot to clearly show the surroundings of where the delivery was left.











### Thank You!