

PBP FORM 290  PITTSBURGH BUREAU OF POLICE <i>"...honor, integrity, courage, respect, and compassion."</i>		SUBJECT: "UNIFORM DECORATIONS AND ADORNMENTS"	ORDER NUMBER: 31-04
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			AMENDS: NONE

1.0 POLICY OR PURPOSE

1.1 Authorized uniform decorations and adornments may be worn by a member on the uniform as is authorized by the Chief of Police.

2.0 BUREAU OF POLICE BADGE AND PATCHES

2.1 The badge is to be worn on the outermost garment. The badge should be clean and polished at all times.

2.1.1 The sewn on badge is authorized for polo shirts, and the fleece jacket, with embroidered badge number, or rank, as appropriate.

2.2 The designated Bureau of Police patch will be worn on the shoulder of both sleeves, on long and short sleeve uniforms, it should be centered on the sleeve, approximately one half inch (1/2") below the top seam of the sleeve.

3.0 NAMEPLATES

3.1 The nameplate shall display the first initial and last name of the member. It is to be worn by all members on the right side outermost garment.

3.2 Police Officers and Sergeants shall wear a black or silver in color nameplate, with contrasting white or black block letters clearly displayed.

3.3 Lieutenants and above shall wear a black or gold in color nameplate, with contrasting white or black, block letters, clearly displayed.

3.4 When worn on the uniform shirt the nameplate shall be worn, centered on the right shirt pocket, one quarter inch (1/4") below the top seam of the shirt pocket.

4.0 RANK INSIGNIA

4.1 Supervisors will wear the respective insignia of rank on all uniform shirts, blouses, outermost sweaters, and jackets, with the exception of the raincoat and overcoat, at all times, to enable citizens and Officers to easily identify uniformed supervisory personnel.

4.2 Sergeants will wear three (3) blue colored chevrons on each shoulder, below the designated Bureau of Police patches.

4.3 Lieutenants will wear a single gold bar, measuring 1" x 3/8" on each epaulet.

4.4 Commanders will wear a single gold oak leaf, measuring 1" x 1 1/4", on each epaulet.

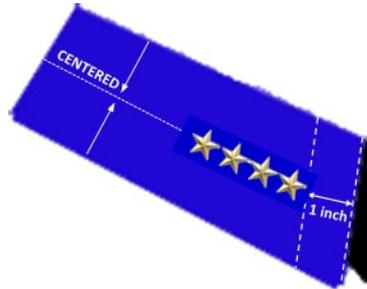
4.5 Chief of Staff will wear one (1) gold star, measuring 5/8" x 5/8", on each epaulet.

4.6 Assistant Chief of Police will wear a bar with two (2) gold stars, measuring 5/8" x 1 1/4", on each epaulet.

4.7 Deputy Chief of Police will wear a bar with three (3) gold stars, measuring 5/8" x 1 7/8", on each epaulet.

4.8 Chief of Police will wear a bar with four (4) gold stars, measuring 5/8" x 2 1/2", on each epaulet.

- 4.9 Insignia will be affixed to the collar such that the end closest to the tie is 1 inch from the short edge of the collar and centered between the top of the collar and the long edge of the collar, as shown below.



5.0 LENGTH OF SERVICE STRIPES (OPTIONAL)

- 5.1 Service stripes and stars indicate the length of service for that member. Members may attach and wear service stripes or stars on the uniform.
- 5.1.1 Blue stripes and stars on a dark blue background shall designate the length of service for the ranks of police officer, up to and including sergeant.
- 5.1.2 Gold stripes and stars shall designate the length of service for the ranks of lieutenant and higher.
- 5.2 All stripes and stars shall be worn on the left sleeve of any long sleeve item of clothing approved for wear, by members of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police. The stripes and stars shall be attached approximately one half inch (1/2") above the last row of braid on the blouse, and approximately four inches (4") above the sleeve cuff of any other long sleeve item of clothing.
- 5.3 One service stripe may be worn for every four (4) years of completed service. A maximum of eight (8) service stripes may be worn.
- 5.4 One service star is authorized for twenty (20) years of completed service.
- 5.4.1 The wearing of a service star is optional, and may be worn in lieu of wearing five (5) service stripes.
- 5.4.2 A service star and the appropriate number of service stripes to denote years of completed service will be worn when applicable. A member electing to wear the service star may then continue to wear service stripes for the 24th, 28th, etc. years of completed service with the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police.
- 5.5 Wearing of the stripes and stars shall be optional at the discretion of the individual member. Procurement and attachment shall be at the member's expense.

6.0 PATCHES DEPICTING SPECIALIZED ASSIGNMENTS

- 6.1 No member shall wear any patch as part of the official Bureau of Police uniform that has not been authorized by the Chief of Police.
- 6.2 The only patches that are authorized to be worn a part of the official Bureau of Police uniform are the, Field Training Officer (FTO) patch, "winged" or "flying" wheel, and the authorized mounted patrol and "K-9" patch.
- 6.2.1 Members who are assigned to motorcycle patrol, mounted patrol, or as K-9 officers, or are active Field Training Officers, may affix the appropriate patch on the left sleeve of the police uniform, directly under the official Pittsburgh Police patch, at the time of assignment, and are authorized to wear the appropriate patch throughout their assignment.
- 6.2.2 Members who have previously been assigned to the motorcycle patrol, mounted patrol, or as a K-9 officer and, as such, had the appropriate patch affixed to their uniform, may continue to wear the patch until such time that the uniform item bearing the patch is replaced due to normal wear and tear. It may not be reattached when new uniform items are issued.

7.0 PINS AND TIE TACKS

- 7.1 All personnel are authorized to wear a small American flag as a pin.
- 7.1.1 For Police Officers through Commanders, the American flag pin will be worn on the front, left side of the shirt collar, or on the front, left side of the collar of the outer garment.
- 7.1.2 For Chief of Staff through Chief of Police, the American flag pin will be worn as part of the name plate.
- 7.2 All personnel that have completed the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training, are authorized to wear the CIT designation pin.
- 7.2.1 For Police Officers through Commanders, this pin will be worn on the front, right side of the shirt collar, or on the front, right side of the collar of the outer garment.
- 7.2.2 For Chief of Staff through Chief of Police, the CIT pin will be worn on the right shirt pocket flap, centered, to the right of the nameplate.
- 7.3 Members that have served in the military are authorized to wear a pin designating the branch of service in which they served. This pin will be worn on the right shirt pocket flap, centered, to the left of the name plate.
- 7.4 Award pins
- 7.4.1 Awarded ribbon bar(s) will be worn on the blouse, short jacket or shirt when it is authorized as the outer garment.
- 7.4.2 Ribbon bar(s) will be worn over the right pocket, with the bottom of the ribbon one quarter inch (1/4") above the upper seam of the pocket flap.
- 7.4.3 Award pins will be worn in accordance with General Order 19-01 "Commendations and Awards"
- 7.5 Tie tacks and tie pins
- 7.5.1 A single tie tack, pin or clip may be worn with the tie. It must be worn centered, at some point between the upper and lower edges of the shirt pockets.
- 7.5.2 The tack, pin, or clip may be plain or may have a design that represents the American flag, the City of Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, or indicia of rank, only.
- 7.6 All active members of the mounted patrol, or active Field Training Officers are authorized to wear a pin, designated by the Chief of Police. This pin will be worn above the right shirt pocket, one quarter inch (1/4") above the top seam. In the event that award ribbon bars are worn, the pin will be worn one quarter inch (1/4") above the top row of the award bar.

Approved By:



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