

FAYETTEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

GENERAL ORDER # 10

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT BADGE(S)

CROSS-REFERENCE:

DATE APPROVED BY COP: November 10, 2020



Chief Mike Reynolds

Purpose: The purpose of this general order is to establish guidelines concerning the design, issuance and wearing of the Fayetteville Police Department badge(s).

A. BADGE DESCRIPTION

The new official department badge effective May 14, 2012, is the V. H. Blackinton & Company “Style BC-1948.” The badge has a blue banner at the top for rank which is written in gold lettering. Below the banner is the silhouette of the State of Arkansas in blue ink with a gold star designating the location of Fayetteville, and the seal of the City of Fayetteville is centered within the state. Below the State of Arkansas are two blue rockers. The top rocker is for the city name “FAYETTEVILLE” in gold lettering, and the second ribbon is for the word “POLICE.” The blue bar at the bottom of the badge is designated for the sworn employees’ badge number or the abbreviation for the state, “AR.”



B. AUTHORIZED BADGE TYPES

1. Type I: Un-numbered “safety catch” with rank
2. Type II: Un-numbered “wallet clip catch” with rank (or “DETECTIVE” if working in the Criminal Investigation Division).
3. Type III: Numbered “safety catch” with rank.
4. Type IV: Numbered “flat – no attachment” with rank. These badges are normally used on special name plates/placards. The assignment of these badges will be determined by the Chief of Police. All un-numbered badges have “AR” in place of the sworn employee’s badge number.

5. Type V: Memorial badge. These badges will only be approved to be worn at the direction of the chief of police or his / her designee.

Effective July 15, 2020, no other badges, including former badge designs, are authorized for use by officers of the Fayetteville Police Department.

C. AUTHORIZED WORDING FOR DEPARTMENT BADGES

1. The following wording is authorized for placement on the official department badges:
 - a. "CHIEF"
 - b. "DEPUTY CHIEF"
 - c. "CAPTAIN"
 - d. "LIEUTENANT"
 - e. "SERGEANT"
 - f. "CORPORAL"
 - g. "OFFICER"
 - h. "DETECTIVE"
 - i. "CRIME SCENE TECH"
 - j. "CHAPLAIN"

Detective, Crime Scene Tech, and Chaplain are not recognized as a rank.

D. ASSIGNMENT OF BADGES

1. Officers:

All officers will be issued two un-numbered department badges with the rank of "OFFICER" (Type I and Type II). Upon completion of the probationary period, the department will issue the officer a Type III badge with the officer's badge number.

2. Detectives:

All sworn employees assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division and/or other investigatory task forces will be issued a fourth badge (Type II) with the wording "DETECTIVE."

3. Corporals:

Officers who have met all the requirements and have been advanced to the rank of Corporal will be issued two un-numbered and one numbered department badges with the rank of "CORPORAL" (Type I, Type II and Type III).

4. Supervisors:

- a. Upon promotion, the department will issue two un-numbered badges with the officer's new rank (one Type I and one Type II). Upon completion of the probationary period, the department will issue a numbered badge with the officer's new rank (Type III).
- b. When a promoted officer receives badges with their new rank, they shall surrender any issued badges from their former rank.
- c. Supervisory personnel in the Criminal Investigation Division, Special Investigations Unit, and 4th Judicial District Drug Task Force shall use standard supervisory position badges (Type I, Type II, and Type III) e.g., "SERGEANT", "LIEUTENANT, etc. The word "DETECTIVE" shall not appear on badges of supervisory personnel assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division, Special Investigations Unit, or 4th Judicial District Drug Task Force.

E. WEARING OF DEPARTMENT BADGE

1. Type I and Type III badges are to be worn on the department authorized uniform shirts, sweaters, and/or raid jackets as authorized.
2. In the event a sworn employee of this department becomes involved in an official action where civilian clothing is worn with a non-concealed weapon, the department badge should be worn on the belt near the non-concealed weapon.

F. DEPARTMENT RETAINS OWNERSHIP OF BADGES

1. The Fayetteville Police Department shall retain ownership of all badges. Likewise, the Fayetteville Police Department is the sole owner of the Blackinton BC-1948 badge die which is maintained at V. H. Blackinton & Company in North Attleborough, Massachusetts. No vendor has any ownership claim on the badge die. All badge orders must be placed by the department through the quartermaster and require authorization from the Chief of Police; individual employees are prohibited from ordering or purchasing department badges.
2. The loss or theft of any department badge must be immediately reported in writing to the Chief of Police through the chain of command.
3. Failure to return a department badge may result in an Office of Professional Standards (OPS) investigation, polygraph examination(s), and Theft of Property charges.
4. The Chief of Police may authorize the use of a department badge(s) on a plaque or

similar commemoration upon the full retirement or death of an officer. The Chief of Police has the discretion to authorize a second department badge with the wording “retired” to sworn employees upon retirement.