

	<p style="text-align: center;">BRIDGEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">POLICY AND PROCEDURE GENERAL ORDER</p>	Distribution ALL PERSONNEL	General Order Number <b>2.09</b>
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<p>Order Title:</p> <p><b>UNIFORM STANDARDS AND DRESS CODE</b></p>		Accreditation Standard: POSTC: 1.5.6, 3.3.20, 3.5.3	Section  2
		<p>Section Title <b>ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT</b></p>	
<p>Rescinds: 1.3.30, 2.4.3, 2.4.4, 2.4.5, 2.4.6, 2.4.7, 2.4.8, 2.4.9, 2.4.10, 2.4.10.5</p>		<p><b>Rebeca Garcia, Chief of Police</b></p>	

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## I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Order is to establish guidelines and procedures which delineate the uniform standards and dress code for all officers and employees of the Bridgeport Police Department.

## II. POLICY

In the daily performance of police functions, it is imperative that members of the Bridgeport Police Department (Department) present a neat, clean uniform appearance. It is the responsibility of the Department to establish dress and grooming standards that assure the appearance of its members, project a positive image, and does not interfere with or distract from the performance of police duties. Members of the Bridgeport Police Department shall wear only such uniforms and insignia as prescribed by the Chief of Police.

## III. PROCEDURES

### A. Wearing the Police Department Uniform:



### B. Uniform Appearance Standards:

1. Uniforms: Shall be kept neat, clean, well pressed and properly fitted at all times. The Professional Standards Division is responsible for maintaining a

list of all approved uniforms and accessories. Care should be taken not to wear threadbare or faded items.

2. Shield/Badge: [REDACTED]

3. Collar Brass/Insignia: [REDACTED]

Uniform Hats: [REDACTED]

**NOTE:** A supervisor's decision to allow members of a police detail to remove the uniform hat **shall not be based on arbitrary personal preference or comfort issues**, the eight-point hat presents a professional appearance and serves as an important safety component of the police uniform and shall be recognized as such by adherence to the uniform of the day standard.

#### **S. Supervisory Responsibilities For Dress Code Compliance**

Supervisors and Commanding Officers shall ensure that sworn Department employees comply with these standards. Department supervisors shall conduct a visual inspection daily to assure that their subordinates are in compliance with all dress code requirements. Any officer who is found to not have the proper uniform, appearance or equipment shall be subject to progressive disciplinary action. Any superior officer of the Department, who observes any subordinate violating this policy/memorandum and fails to take proper corrective action, shall be in violation of these rules.