

7.02.000 BADGES, INSIGNIA, AND PATCHES

7.02.002

PURPOSE AND SCOPE: 10/24

This policy provides guidance and regulations on the wearing of King County Sheriff's Office badges, insignia and cloth patches that serve to clearly identify department commissioned personnel as law enforcement officers.

7.02.005

BREAST AND HAT BADGES: 10/24

1. The Property Management Unit (PMU) shall control and maintain records regarding issued badges.
 - a. Deputies may purchase additional breast or flat wallet badges at their own expense.
 - b. Purchased badges shall have the same badge number as the one assigned to the deputy.
2. Only sworn department members may wear, display, or carry on their person official badges that are authorized by the department.
3. The department approved metal breast badge should be the standard badge worn on all uniforms, except for the following items (on which embroidered cloth badges may be worn):
 - a. Cold weather jacket.
 - b. Issued raid jacket.
 - c. External vest carrier.
 - d. Traffic/Safety vest.
4. Embroidered cloth badges shall be sewn at the same location as metal breast badges after removal of any existing badge tabs.
 - a. Embroidered cloth badges are not authorized for wear on the patrol jumpsuit.
5. Embroidered cloth badges shall be removed from worn or damaged garments and forwarded to the PMU.
 - a. Embroidered cloth badges shall be replaced on a one for one basis.
6. When wearing a mourning band it shall be placed over the badge horizontally from 9 O'clock to 3 O'clock. (See example)
 - a. The band should be 3/8- to 1/2-inch-wide black elastic material.
 - b. National Law Enforcement Memorial Bands with a blue stripe is authorized.
 - c. Cloth badges with mourning bands may be worn for approved uniform items listed in 7.02.005(3) above.



7. Mourning bands should be worn:
 - a. Upon the line of duty death of a KCSO deputy. The mourning band should be worn for a period of thirty days from the date of death.
 - b. Upon the line of duty death of a LEO from a jurisdiction in the area. The mourning band should be worn from the date of death and removed at the conclusion of the memorial service.
 - c. Upon the non-line of duty death of an active or retired LEO on the day of the memorial and removed at the conclusion of the memorial service.
 - d. On National Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15th).
 - e. At the direction of the Sheriff or Undersheriff, when special circumstances dictate that a department display of official mourning is appropriate.

7.02.010

SHOULDER PATCH: 07/13

1. Sheriff's Office and Contract City shoulder patches shall be centered 3/4 inch below the shoulder seam on both sleeves of the:
 - a. Class A long sleeve or short sleeve shirt.
 - b. Dress jacket.
 - c. Cold weather jacket.
 - d. Class B uniform.
 - e. Class C uniform
2. Patches shall be sewn on with the same color thread as the patch border.

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RANK INSIGNIA: 07/13

1. Rank and Insignia:
 - a. Sheriff: Four (4) Gold Stars
 - b. Undersheriff: Three (3) Gold Stars
 - c. Chief: Two (2) Gold Stars

- d. Contract City Chief:
 - i. One (1) Gold Star for those wearing a Sheriff's Office uniform.
 - ii. Three (3) Gold Stars for those wearing a city black style uniform.
- e. Major: One (1) Gold Oak Leaf
- f. Captain: Two (2) Gold Bars
- g. Sergeant: Three (3) Gold Chevrons
- h. Master Police Officer: Two (2) Gold Chevrons

2. INSIGNIA LOCATION

- a. Captain and above: (see diagrams in 7.02.035)
 - i. Class A Uniform Shirt, long sleeve:
 - Small brass on collar
 - Service stars on left sleeve
 - ii. Class A Uniform Shirt, short sleeve:
 - Small brass on collar
 - iii. Class B Jumpsuit:
 - Small brass on collar
 - iv. Class C PDU:
 - Small brass on collar
 - v. Cold Weather Jacket:
 - Sew on type or large brass
 - vi. Dress Jacket:
 - Large brass on epaulets
 - Rank stripes on sleeve
 - Service stars with gold bullion on left sleeve

7.02.020

PLACEMENT OF INSIGNIA: 01/11
(See diagrams in 7.02.035)

- 1. Class A Uniform Shirt:
 - a. Brass insignia shall be worn with the axis of the bar parallel with the vertical edge of the collar. It shall be positioned $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch from the collars vertical edge and centered between the neck line and lower line of the collar.
 - b. The chevron shall be sewn with the point directly below and centered with the shoulder patch on both sleeves.

2. Coats: Embroidered Sew-on or Large Brass Insignia:

Insignias shall be sewn or placed on the shoulders $\frac{3}{4}$ inch inward of the shoulder seam, directly centered with respect to the shoulder patch (see diagrams in 7.02.035).

a. Sheriff:

- i. The stars shall be worn lengthwise on the shoulder so that the single ray of each star points to the rear (see figure 2).

b. Undersheriff:

- i. The stars shall be worn as described for the Sheriff (see figure 3).

c. Chief:

- i. The stars shall be worn as described for the Sheriff (see figure 4).

d. Contract City Chief:

- i. The star shall be worn as described for the Sheriff for those wearing a Sheriff's Office uniform (see figure 7).
- ii. The three (3) gold stars shall be worn as described for a Contract City Chief wearing a city black style uniform (see figure 8).

e. Major:

- i. The oak leaf shall be worn with the leaf tip toward the collar (see figure 5).

f. Captain:

- i. The bars shall be worn with the bar axis parallel to the shoulder seam (see figure 6).

g. Sergeant:

- i. The chevrons shall be sewn and centered $\frac{3}{4}$ inch below the shoulder patch on both sleeves of the uniform coat or sweater.

h. Master Police Officer:

- i. The chevrons shall be worn as described for sergeant.

3. Dress Jacket Insignia:

- a. A large gold metal rank insignia for Captain and above shall be worn on both shoulders of the dress jacket as described in #2 (see figures 2 thru 8).

4. Class B Jumpsuit Insignia:

- a. Rank designation for Sergeant and Master Police Office on the jumpsuit shall be the sew-on type.
- b. Rank designation for Captain and above shall be metal and worn on the collar.

7.02.025

CONTRACT ROCKERS: 03/13

Unique contract uniform sleeve rockers will be worn directly below the County shoulder patch.

1. The cloth rockers will have a black background with metallic gold lettering.
2. The rockers will be mounted on each sleeve with a 1/8" gap between it and the patch above it.
3. If a sergeant or MPO stripes are to be worn, they will be mounted and centered below the rocker.

7.02.030

RANK BRAID FOR UNIFORM DRESS JACKET: 01/11

(See diagrams in 7.02.035)

The dress jacket shall display on each sleeve the following stripe(s) conforming to the member's rank:

The lower stripe shall be 2 inches above the bottom of each cuff.

1. Sheriff:
 - a. Two ½ inch stripes above one 2 inch Navy Admiral stripe with ½ inch space in between.
2. Undersheriff:
 - a. One ½ inch stripe above one 2 inch Navy Admiral stripe with ½ inch space in between.
3. Chief:
 - a. One 2 inch Navy Admiral stripe.
4. Major:
 - a. One ½ inch gold stripe near cuff, ¼ inch space, one ¼ inch gold stripe in center, ¼ inch space and one ½ inch gold stripe above center stripe.
5. Contract City Chief:
 - a. The sleeve stripes will reflect the actual Sheriff's Office rank for those wearing a Sheriff's Office uniform.
 - b. Three ½ inch gold stripes near cuff, ¼ inch space, one ½ inch gold stripe in center, ¼ inch space and one ½ inch gold stripe above center stripe for those wearing a city blue black style uniform.
6. Captain:
 - a. Two ½ inch gold stripes with ¼ inch space in between stripes.
7. Sergeant and below:
 - a. No gold stripe.

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INSIGNIA AND AWARDS DIAGRAMS: 10/24

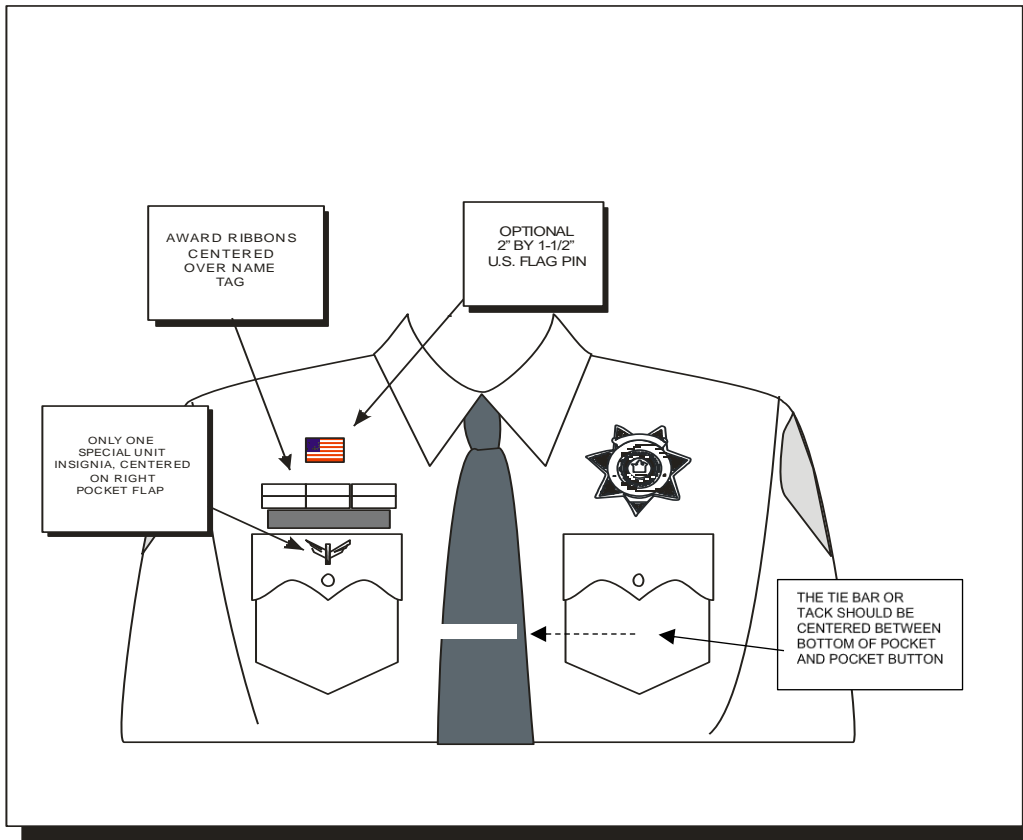


Figure 1

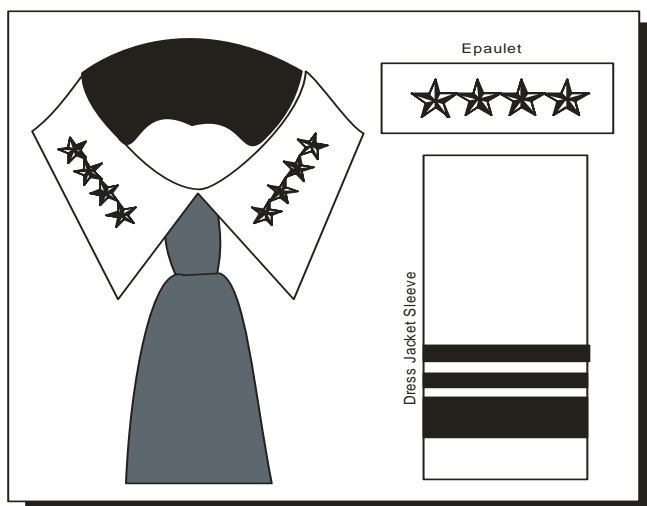


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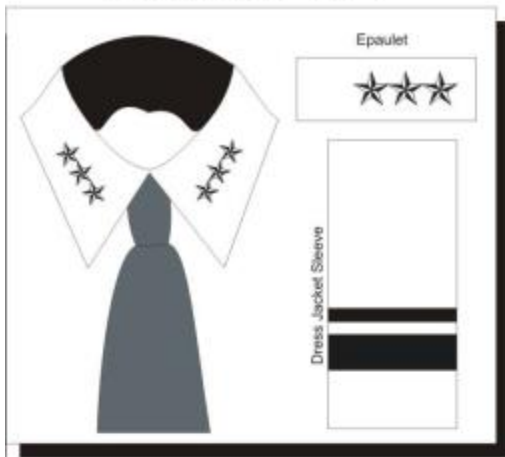


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CHIEF

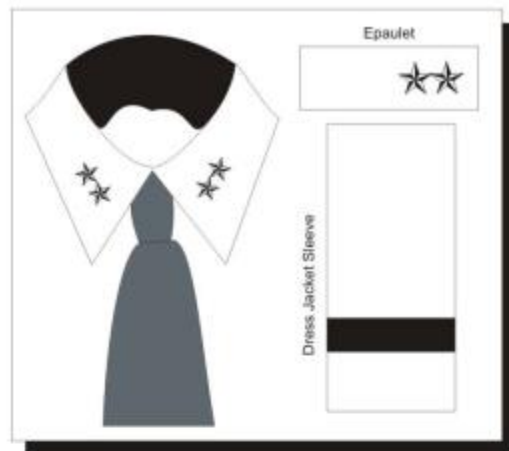


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MAJOR

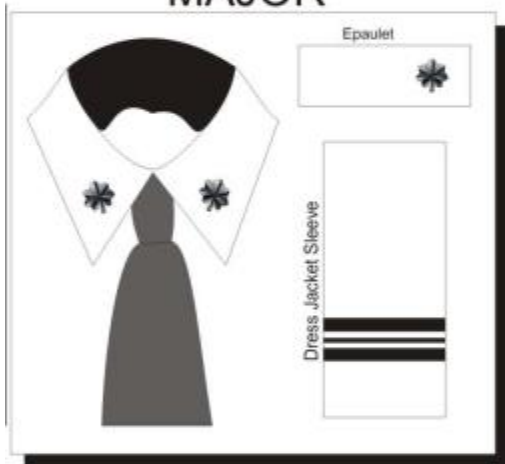


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CAPTAIN

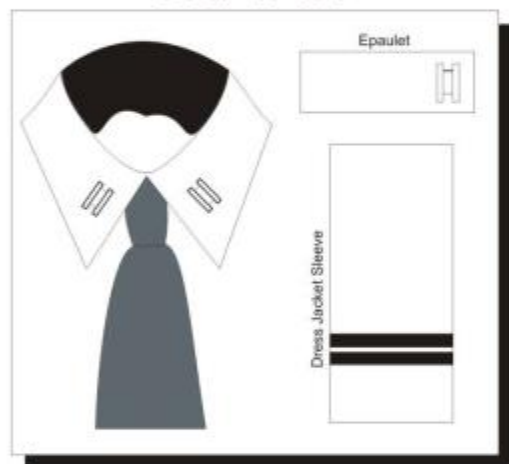


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CONTRACT CITY CHIEF (S.O. UNIFORM)



Figure 7

CONTRACT CITY CHIEF (CITY BLUE UNIFORM)

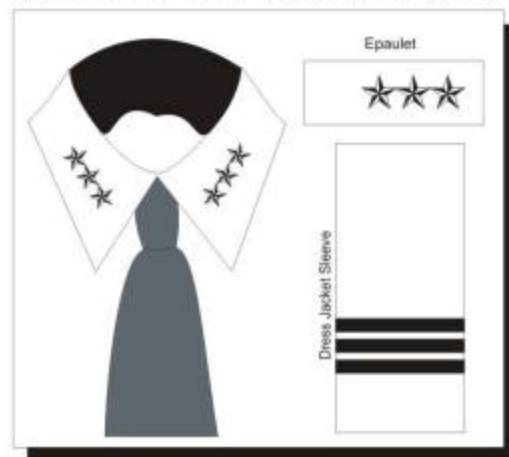


Figure 8

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SPECIAL UNIT INSIGNIA: 09/24

1. Deputies who are qualified and assigned to special units may wear an approved special insignia on their Class A uniform shirts, on the right pocket flap (see Figure 1). On class B or C uniforms, the insignia shall be worn above the name tag or any award bars (if worn).
 - a. Only one (1) special insignia may be worn at a time.
 - b. The insignia shall only be worn while working in or assigned to the associated special unit.
 - c. No other pins or insignias are authorized unless authorized by the affected unit's Commander.
 - i. Qualifications for authorization to wear a special insignia shall be established by the unit supervisor and approved by the appropriate Division Commander.
 - ii. Acquisition and maintenance or replacement of special unit insignia shall be the responsibility of the authorized wearer.
2. Special units currently authorized to wear special unit insignia are indicated below:
 - a. Motorcycle: Winged wheel
 - b. TAC-30: Eagle and lightning bolt
 - c. Diver: Helmeted diver's head
 - d. E.O.D.: Winged bomb
 - e. K-9 Teams: K-9 wreath
 - f. Marine: Fouled anchor
 - i. Marine deputies may wear two (2) insignias on the collar of their [Class C](#) uniform or a single insignia on the standard or [Class A](#) dress uniform.
 - g. DARE: DARE pin
 - h. ASU: Aviator wings

7.02.045

SERVICE STARS/HASH MARKS: 07/13

Stars denoting four (4) completed years of law enforcement service may be worn with the long sleeve Class A uniform shirt and dress jacket.

1. Deputies who have served with other agencies may add those years to their service time with King County, excluding military police and reserve officer service for other agencies.
2. Stars shall be worn with a 2-inch space between the bottom 2 points of the star and the top edge of the left sleeve cuff of the uniform shirt.
 - a. When more than one (1) star is mounted there shall be 1-3/8 inch between the centers.
 - b. There shall be a maximum of four (4) stars in one row.
 - c. A second row of stars shall be centered immediately above the first row of stars.

- d. Service stars will be gold 5/8" stars on a black 1" wide tape.
3. On the uniform dress jacket with gold stripe, the bottom 2 points of the star shall be placed 1/2 inch above the upper gold stripe.
 - a. When more than one (1) star is mounted there shall be 1 3/8 inch between the centers.
 - b. There shall be a maximum of four (4) stars in one row.
 - c. A second row of stars shall be centered immediately above the first row of stars.
 - d. Service stars will be gold 3/4" stars on a black 1-1/2" wide tape.
4. Contract city "hash" marks shall equal three (3) completed years.
5. Service stars or "hash" marks shall not be worn on the Class B or Class C uniform.

7.02.050

U.S. FLAG PIN: 07/13

Up to a two (2) inch by one and one half (1-1/2) inch U.S. Flag may be worn on the uniform shirt. If worn, the flag shall be placed above the name tag or above award bars (see figure 1). The flag pin shall be purchased by the individual deputy.