

<p>MESA POLICE</p> <p>Department Policy Manual</p>	<p>Purchasing MPD Badges & Weapons</p>	<p>DPM 1.9.70 Effective 12/07/2017 Revised 03/17/2025</p>
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1. PURPOSE

This policy provides Mesa Police Department (MPD) members with guidelines for purchasing MPD badges and weapons.

2. DEFINITIONS

Duty Weapon: Currently assigned Department-issued firearm.

Flat Badge: Silver wallet badge, available in different assignment/ranks, issued to sworn members.

Gold Badge: Shirt badge earned by sworn members at 20 years of service with the MPD.

Separation: Per City of Mesa (COM) Personnel Rules, the end of employment with the COM via resignation, reduction in workforce, retirement, dismissal, or death.

Shirt Badge: Metal badge issued to sworn and applicable professional staff members and worn on the uniform shirt.

3. GENERAL

3.1 Department-Issued Badges

- A. MPD members may, under the following circumstances, purchase badges from the Department unless otherwise directed by the Chief of Police or designee:
1. Sworn members who are assigned to an officer/detective position may purchase the shirt and/or wallet badge from their prior assignment.
 2. Sworn members who are promoted may purchase the shirt and/or wallet badge from their prior rank.
 3. Sworn and applicable professional staff members who separate from the Department prior to retirement may purchase their most recent rank shirt and/or wallet badge after 10 years of cumulative service.
 - a. Any deviation from these guidelines will be at the discretion of the Chief of Police or designee.
 4. Sworn members who reach 20 years of cumulative service with the MPD may purchase their silver shirt badge and/or silver wallet badge upon the issuance of their gold shirt badge.

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5. Members can only purchase one of each type of badge for each assignment/rank they have held (i.e., one shirt badge and one wallet badge as sergeant, etc.).
 6. For all other badge purchases, written approval from the Chief of Police or designee is required.
 7. Members who are demoted, disciplinarily or voluntarily, shall return the higher-ranking shirt badge and wallet badge in exchange for the new assignment rank.
 - a. The higher-ranking badges are not eligible for purchase.
 8. When an applicable member dies in the line of duty, on duty, or in an off-duty capacity, the Peer Team can assist the member's family with purchase of wallet badge and submitting the duty badge to the Chief's Office for a memorial plaque. See [DPM 1.2F12 Employee Death Worksheet](#).
- B. For sworn and applicable professional staff members who retire in good standing with a pension, refer to [DPM 1.2.125 Retirement Celebration Events for MPD Members](#) for further information on commemorative items including last shirt badge.
- C. Purchasing Procedures:
1. Badge sales are based on current inventory status.
 - a. If inventory is not available, member orders will be placed on a waiting list pending the purchase from the vendor.
 2. The purchase price of any badge is subject to change.
 3. Badge purchases must be made at the Criminal Justice Information Division (CJID) Service Counter.
 - a. A copy of the receipt must be provided to Supply.
- D. Badges purchased from the MPD after separation are ceremonial in nature and do not grant law enforcement authority or facility access. Upon separation, the member is no longer under the authority or jurisdiction of the MPD. Therefore, abuse of the issued badge can lead to potential criminal charges and/or seizure of the badge. Members abusing the privileges of the ceremonial badge may be asked to return it to the MPD with no refund.

3.2 Department-Issued Weapons

- A. MPD members may, under the following circumstances, purchase weapons from the Department unless otherwise directed by the Chief of Police or designee:
1. Members, who honorably retire, may purchase their duty weapon.
 2. Only one duty weapon may be purchased and must be done prior to the sworn member's retirement. This does not include previously purchased duty weapons during Lifecycle Replacements.
 3. Weapon purchases shall be approved through the Chief's Office.

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4. Members who leave the Department other than by retirement may not purchase their assigned duty weapon. This does not include previously purchased duty weapons during Lifecycle Replacements.
 5. The sale price of the weapon will be determined by the Chief of Police or designee.
 6. Professional staff members are not eligible to purchase their assigned duty weapon.
 7. When an applicable member dies in the line of duty, on duty, or in an off-duty capacity, the Peer Team can assist the member's family with purchase of duty weapon. See [DPM 1.2F12 Employee Death Worksheet](#).
- B. Purchasing Procedures:
1. To initiate the process, the member contacts the Range Sergeant prior to the member's retirement.
 - a. The Range Sergeant or designee will coordinate the sales process by obtaining approval from PD Legal and the Chief of Police or designee.
 - b. The Range Sergeant then collects the fee and issues a bill of sale.
 - c. The Range Sergeant will update the inventory.

REFERENCES

- [DPM 1.2F12 Employee Death Worksheet](#)
- [DPM 1.2.125 Retirement Celebration Events for MPD Members](#)