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- A. Exceptional performance and service by an *employee should* be recognized, either by commendation or award. The *Department may* present an *employee* with the following awards:
1. POLICE STAR - POSTHUMOUSLY: Awarded to the family of a Paradise Valley Police *Officer* killed in the line of duty.
 2. MEDAL OF VALOR - 1st Class: For an outstanding act of heroism in the line of duty at imminent personal hazard of life with full knowledge of the risk involved.
 3. MEDAL OF VALOR - 2nd Class: For an act of bravery at imminent personal hazard of life in conflict with an armed adversary or the *arrest* of a person who is a major threat to the welfare of the community.
 4. MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL: For a highly unusual accomplishment under adverse conditions with some degree of hazard to life and limb to the nominee or where death or injury to a third party is prevented.
 5. LIFESAVING MEDAL: For an act performed in the line of duty which through disregard of personal safety or prompt and alert action results in saving a life.
 6. PURPLE HEART MEDAL: For a wound received in the line of duty inflicted by an armed adversary, resulting in severe puncture wounds, lacerations, fractures or concussion being suffered by the nominee.
 7. EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD: For an act or acts of service performed in the line of duty which is highly unusual, and/or a significant accomplishment resulting in an exceptional outcome.
 8. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: For a creditable act in the line of duty which meets some, but not all of the requirements for other awards, unusual in nature showing initiative and accomplishment.
 9. UNIT CITATION: For squads, bureaus, sections, teams and other formal and informal groups of police *employees* whose collaborative efforts result in an exceptional outcome in the performance of their duties.



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- B. Any *supervisor* may recommend an *employee* for receipt of an award. All recommendations *will* be forwarded through the chain of command to the *Chief* or designee for consideration. Once presented to an *employee*, the *employee* (if uniformed) *may* wear the complimentary award ribbon or insignia on the *employee's* uniform.
- C. Commendations *may* be recommended by any *supervisor*, or by an investigator, to any other *employee*. The commendation *shall* be drafted by the recommending *supervisor/investigator* for the *Chief's* signature and forwarded through the chain of command for the *Chief's* approval.
- D. The *Chief* *may*, if desired, convene a committee to initially review all recommended awards and commendations and make recommendations to the *Chief* as to which commendations and awards *should* be awarded. The final decision is reserved to the *Chief*.

