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<b>Ranks Within the Divisions of Police and Fire</b>		



## I. Introduction

In order to better coordinate efforts between the Division of Police and Division of Fire at scenes of joint operations, an understanding of the rank structure within both Divisions is necessary. Joint operations will be handled more expediently and efficiently if members of both Divisions can readily identify the ranking personnel on the scene. It is not necessary that the various duties and responsibilities of the various ranks within a given Division be known by all members of the other, it is only necessary that command and/or supervisory personnel at scenes of joint operations be recognizable to all Department of Public Safety personnel who are present.

It is for this reason that the following information is being presented to all members of the Divisions of Police and Fire. The rank structure for each Division is listed in increasing level of authority. Additionally, a description of appropriate rank insignia and/or uniform appointments are presented.

## II. Ranks Within the Division of Police

All Supervisors within the Division of Police wear gold breast and hat badges that display their rank. The chin strap of a police supervisor's hat is gold.

There are five (5) supervisory ranks within the Division of Police.

### A. Sergeant

Sergeants within the Division of Police are comparable to Lieutenants within the Division of Fire. Insignia for the rank of Police Sergeant are chevrons that are displayed on their shirt collars and on the sleeves of their jacket or coat.

### B. Lieutenant

Lieutenants within the Division of Police are comparable to Captains within the Division of Fire. Insignia for the rank of Police Lieutenant are single silver bars embroidered on cloth shoulder boards that are worn on the epaulets of the uniform shirt. Single metal bars are pinned to the epaulets of the uniform coat. Coats worn by Police Lieutenants may display a single 1/2 inch wide gold silk braid on both sleeves, 2 1/2 inches from the cuffs.

### C. Commander

A Commander within the Division of Police is comparable to a Battalion Chief within the Division of Fire. Insignia for the rank of Police Commander are single silver oak leaves embroidered on cloth shoulder

boards that are worn on the epaulets of the uniform shirt. Single metal oak leaves are pinned to the epaulets of the uniform coat. Coats worn by Police Commanders may display three single 1/2 inch wide gold silk braids on both sleeves, 2 1/2 inches from the cuffs. The visor of a Police Commander's uniform hat displays a gold gilt spray design.

#### D. Deputy Chief of Police

Deputy Chiefs within the Division of Police are comparable to Assistant Chiefs within the Division of Fire. Insignia for the rank of Police Deputy Chief are two silver stars embroidered on cloth shoulder boards that are worn on the epaulets of the uniform shirt. Two metal stars are pinned to the epaulets of the uniform coat. Coats worn by Police Deputy Chiefs may display a single 2 inch wide gold silk "Dure Lace" braid on both sleeves, 2 1/2 inches from the cuffs. The visor of a Police Deputy Chief's hat displays a gold gilt spray design.

#### E. Chief of Police

The Chief of Police is comparable to the Fire Chief. Insignia for the rank of Chief of Police are four silver stars embroidered on cloth shoulder boards that are worn on the epaulets of the uniform shirt. When the uniform coat is worn, four metal silver stars are pinned to the epaulets of the coat. The coat worn by the Chief of Police may display a single 2 inch wide gold silk "Dure Lace" braid on both sleeves, 2 1/2 inches from the cuffs. The visor and the frame band of the hat worn by the Chief of Police displays a gold gilt spray design.

### III. Ranks Within the Division of Fire

All supervisors within the Division of Fire possess gold breast and hat badges that display their rank. Lieutenants and Captains do not normally wear breast badges while on duty. Instead, Lieutenants and Captains wear light blue utility type shirts which have their ranks and names embroidered on them in the left chest area. Division of Fire personnel holding the rank of Battalion Chief or above normally wear white shirts with their breast badges pinned to the left chest area. Dress hats and coats are only worn by Division of Fire personnel for ceremonial purposes.

There are six (6) supervisory ranks within the Division of Fire.

#### A. Lieutenant

A Lieutenant within the Division of Fire is comparable to a Sergeant within the Division of Police. A Fire Lieutenant's badge and helmet shield displays a single standing bugle. Helmets worn by Fire Lieutenants are red and may display a single white horizontal stripe on the back. Normally, at the scene of a fire or a medical emergency a Lieutenant will be wearing a light blue utility shirt that has their rank and name embroidered on the left chest area. An EMS Lieutenant will be wearing a white short-sleeve shirt with a gold badge.

## B. Captain

A Captain within the Division of Fire is comparable to a Lieutenant within the Division of Police. A Fire Captain's badge and helmet shield displays two standing bugles. Helmets worn by Fire Captains are red and may display two white horizontal stripes on the back. Normally, at the scene of a fire or a medical emergency, a Captain will be wearing a light blue utility shirt that has their rank and name embroidered on the left chest area. An EMS Captain will be wearing a white short-sleeve shirt with a gold badge.

## C. Battalion Chief

A Battalion Chief within the Division of Fire is comparable to a Commander within the Division of Police. A Battalion Chief's badge and helmet shield depict two (2) crossed bugles. Helmets and shirts worn by Battalion Chiefs are white. Normally, the turnout coat worn by a Battalion Chief will be white.

## D. Deputy Chief

The rank of Deputy Chief within the Division of Fire falls between the ranks of Commander and Deputy Chief within the Division of Police. A Deputy Chief's badge and helmet shield depict three (3) crossed bugles. Helmets and shirts worn by Deputy Chiefs are white. Normally, the turnout coat worn by a Deputy Chief will be white.

## E. Assistant Chief

An Assistant Chief within the Division of Fire is comparable to a Deputy Chief within the Division of Police. An Assistant Chief's badge and helmet shield depict four (4) crossed bugles. Helmets and shirts worn by Assistant Chiefs are white. Normally, the turnout coat worn by an Assistant Chief will be white.

## F. Fire Chief

The Fire Chief is comparable to the Chief of Police. The Fire Chief's badge and helmet shield depict five (5) crossed bugles. Helmets and shirts worn by the Fire Chief are white. Normally, the turnout coat worn by the Fire Chief will be white.