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Ranks Within the Divisions of Police and Fire		



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I. Introduction

- A.** 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.
- B.** 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

- A.** All supervisors within the Division of Police wear gold breast and hat badges that display their rank. The **decorations and insignia** of a police supervisor's **white eight-point** hat **or navy blue baseball cap** is gold.
- B.** There are **six (6)** supervisory ranks within the Division of Police.
1. Sergeant

A Sergeant within the Division of Police **is** comparable to **a** Lieutenant within the Division of Fire. Insignia for the rank of Police Sergeant are **gold** chevrons **worn** on the sleeves of the **navy blue uniform shirt, sweater, and** jacket or coat.
 2. Lieutenant

A Lieutenant within the Division of Police **is** comparable to **a** Captain within the Division of Fire. Insignia for the rank of Police Lieutenant are single silver bars worn on the **collar** of the **white or navy blue** uniform shirt **and certain outer garments**. Single **silver** bars are pinned to the epaulets of the **dress blouse or sweater**. Coats worn by Police Lieutenants may display a single ½-inch wide gold braid on both sleeves.

3. 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 worn on the **collar** of the **white or navy blue** uniform shirt **and certain outer garments**. Single **silver** oak leaves are pinned to the epaulets of the **dress blouse or sweater**. Coats worn by Police Commanders may display three single ½-inch wide gold braids on both sleeves. The visor of a Police Commander's **white eight-point** uniform hat displays a gold gilt spray design.

4. Deputy Chief

A Deputy Chief within the Division of Police **is** comparable to a **Deputy** Chief within the Division of Fire. Insignia for the rank of Police Deputy Chief are two silver stars worn on the **collar** of the **white or navy blue** uniform shirt **and certain outer garments**. Two **silver** stars are pinned to the epaulets of the **dress blouse or sweater**. Coats worn by Police Deputy Chiefs may display a single 2-inch wide gold braid on both sleeves. The visor of a Police Deputy Chief's **white eight-point uniform** hat displays a gold gilt spray design.

5. Assistant Chief

An Assistant Chief within the Division of Police is comparable to an Assistant Chief within the Division of Fire. Insignia for the rank of Police Assistant Chief are three silver stars worn on the collar of the white or navy blue uniform shirt and certain outer garments. Three stars are pinned to the epaulets of the dress blouse or sweater. Coats worn by Police Assistant Chiefs may display a single 2-inch wide gold braid and a single ½-inch wide gold braid on both sleeves. The visor of a Police Assistant Chief's white eight-point uniform hat displays a gold gilt spray design.

6. Police Chief

The Police **Chief** is comparable to the Fire Chief. Insignia for the rank of Police **Chief** are four silver stars on worn on the **collar** of the **white or navy blue** uniform shirt. **Four** silver stars are pinned to the epaulets of the **dress blouse or sweater**. The coat worn by the Police **Chief** may display a single 2-inch wide gold braid **and two ½-inch wide gold braids** on both sleeves. The visor and the frame band of the **white eight-point uniform** hat worn by the Police **Chief** displays a gold gilt spray design.

III. Ranks Within the Division of Fire

- A. All supervisors within the Division of Fire possess gold breast and hat badges that display their rank **while in dress uniform**. Dress hats and coats are only worn by Division of Fire personnel for ceremonial purposes.
- B. There are six (6) supervisory ranks within the Division of Fire.

- 1. Lieutenant

A Lieutenant within the Division of Fire is comparable to a Sergeant within the Division of Police. A Fire Lieutenant's badge, helmet shield, **and collar insignia** display a single standing bugle. Helmets worn by Fire Lieutenants are red. Normally, at the scene of a fire or a medical emergency, a Lieutenant will be wearing a **dark navy** blue **collared** shirt that has their rank and name embroidered **in gold** on the **right** chest area.

- 2. Captain

A Captain within the Division of Fire is comparable to a Lieutenant within the Division of Police. A Fire Captain's badge, helmet shield, **and collar insignia** display two standing bugles. Helmets worn by Fire Captains are red. Normally, at the scene of a fire or a medical emergency, a Captain will be wearing a **dark navy** blue **collared** shirt that has their rank and name embroidered **in gold** on the **right** chest area.

- 3. 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, helmet shield, **and collar insignia** depict two (2) crossed bugles. **Normally, at the scene of a fire or a medical emergency, a Battalion Chief will be wearing a dark navy blue collared shirt that has their rank and name embroidered in gold on the right chest area.** Helmets worn by Battalion Chiefs are white. **The rank will be embroidered on the back of the turnout coat.**

- 4. Deputy Chief

The rank of Deputy Chief within the Division of Fire **is comparable to** a Deputy Chief within the Division of Police. A Deputy Chief's badge, helmet shield, **and collar insignia** depict three (3) crossed bugles. **Normally, at the scene of a fire or a medical emergency, a Deputy Chief will be wearing a dark navy blue collared shirt that has their rank and name embroidered in gold on the right chest area.** Helmets worn by Deputy Chiefs are white. **The rank will be embroidered on the back of the turnout coat.**

5. Assistant Chief

An Assistant Chief within the Division of Fire is comparable to **an Assistant** Chief within the Division of Police. An Assistant Chief's badge, helmet shield, **and collar insignia** depict four (4) crossed bugles. **Assistant Chiefs wear a dark navy blue or white collared shirt that has their rank and name embroidered in gold on the right chest area.** Helmets worn by Assistant Chiefs are white. **The rank will be embroidered on the back of the turnout coat.**

6. Fire Chief

The Fire Chief is comparable to the Police **Chief**. The Fire Chief's badge, helmet shield, **and collar insignia** depict five (5) crossed bugles. **The Fire Chief wears a dark navy blue or white collared shirt that has their rank and name embroidered in gold on the right chest area.** Helmets worn by the Fire Chief are white. **The rank will be embroidered on the back of the turnout coat.**