

FAYETTEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

**GENERAL ORDER # 10**

**SUBJECT:** DEPARTMENT BADGE(S)

**CROSS-REFERENCE:**

**DATE APPROVED BY COP:** October 31, 2013



*Chief Greg Tabor*

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this general order is to establish guidelines concerning the design, issuance and wearing of the Fayetteville Police Department badge(s).

**A. BADGE DESCRIPTION**

The new official department badge effective May 14, 2012, is the V. H. Blackinton & Company “style BC-3343.” The badge has a blue bar at the top for rank which is written in gold lettering. Below the bar is the silhouette of the State of Arkansas in blue ink with a gold star designating the location of Fayetteville and the seal of the City of Fayetteville is centered within the state. Below the State of Arkansas are two blue bars. The top bar is for the city name “FAYETTEVILLE” in gold lettering and the second bar is for the word “POLICE.” The blue bar at the bottom of the badge is designated for the officers’ badge number or the abbreviation for the state, “AR.”



**B. AUTHORIZED BADGE TYPES**

1. Type I: Un-numbered “safety catch” with rank
2. Type II: Un-numbered “wallet clip catch” with rank (or “DETECTIVE” if working in the Criminal Investigation Division).
3. Type III: Numbered “safety catch” with rank.
4. Type IV: Numbered “flat – no attachment” with rank. These badges are normally

used on special name plates/placards. The assignment of these badges will be determined by the Chief of Police. All un-numbered badges have "AR" in place of the officer's badge number.

Effective May 14, 2012, no other badges, including former badge designs, are authorized for use by officers of the Fayetteville Police Department.

### **C. AUTHORIZED BADGE RANK / WORDING**

1. The following wording is authorized for placement on the official department badges:
  - a. "CHIEF"
  - b. "DEPUTY CHIEF"
  - c. "CAPTAIN"
  - d. "LIEUTENANT"
  - e. "SERGEANT"
  - f. "CORPORAL"
  - g. "OFFICER"
  - h. "DETECTIVE"
  - i. "CRIME SCENE TECH"
  - j. "CHAPLAIN"

Detective, Crime Scene Tech, and Chaplain are not recognized as a rank.

### **D. ASSIGNMENT OF BADGES**

#### **1. Initial Assignment of Badges (Officer Over One Year):**

All officers with one year of service or more will be issued three badges reflecting their current rank (Type I, II, & III). All patrol level officers working in the Criminal Investigation Division and/or task forces will be issued a fourth badge (Type II) with the wording "DETECTIVE." All badges remain the property of the Fayetteville Police Department.

#### **2. Probationary Officers:**

All probationary officers will be issued two un-numbered department badges with the rank of "OFFICER" (Type 1 and Type II). Upon completion of the probationary period, the department will issue the officer a Type III badge number with the officer's badge number.

#### **3. Criminal Investigation / Drug Enforcement / Task Force Officers:**

All supervisory personnel in the Criminal Investigation Division, Special Investigation Unit, and 4th Judicial District Drug Task Force shall use standard supervisory position badges (Type I, Type II, and Type III) e.g., “SERGEANT”, “LIEUTENANT”, etc. The word “DETECTIVE” shall not appear on badges of supervisory personnel assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division, Special Investigation Unit, or 4th Judicial District Drug Task Force.

**E. WEARING OF DEPARTMENT BADGE**

1. Type I and Type III badge are to be worn on the department authorized uniform Shirts, sweaters, and/or jackets (rain, raid, coats), as authorized.
2. In the event officers of this department become involved in an official action where civilian clothing is worn with a non-concealed weapon, the department badge should be worn on the belt near the non-concealed weapon.

**F. DEPARTMENT RETAINS OWNERSHIP OF BADGES**

1. The Fayetteville Police Department shall retain ownership of all badges. Likewise, the Fayetteville Police Department is the sole owner of the Blackinton BC-3343 badge die which is maintained at V. H. Blackinton & Company in North Attleborough, Massachusetts. No vendor has any ownership claim on the badge die. All badge orders must be placed by the department through the quartermaster and require authorization from the Chief of Police; individual employees are prohibited from ordering or purchasing department badges.
2. The loss or theft of any department badge must be reported in writing to the Chief of Police through the chain of command immediately.
3. Failure to return a department badge will result in an Office of Professional Standards (OPS) investigation, polygraph examination(s), and Theft of Property charges, if necessary.