

## **255 UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT POLICY**

### **PURPOSE:**

This policy shall govern the classification, issuance and use of uniforms and equipment within the Department.

### **SCOPE:**

This policy is applicable to all personnel.

### **UNIFORMS DEFINED:**

#### **Class "A" Dress Uniform:**

This type of uniform includes all components of the Department Dress Uniform. This includes the dress coat, shirt, pants with ½" gold stripe down the outside of each leg, hat, belt, tie, shoes and also includes the Department Patch that is to be worn on the left shoulder of the uniform shirt and jacket only. Class "A" dress uniforms are typically worn for special functions including funerals, award ceremonies, parades, etc. *It shall be at the discretion of the Ranking Officer to delete the Jacket when the weather shall dictate same.*

#### **Class "B" Duty Uniform:**

This type uniform includes the dark blue/black pants, *uniform* shirt, black belt, black shoes and also includes the Department Patch that is to be worn on the left shoulder *and the EMT patch on the right shoulder* of the uniform shirt if applicable. Ties are optional at the discretion of the person calling for the uniform. *Department issued job shirts may be worn in appropriate weather and EMT's may wear Dept. issued winter coats while on duty. All personnel may wear Dept. issued hats while on duty. All personnel shall be neat, clean, in good hygiene and shaven as per POSHA regulations. All uniforms shall be kept clean and neat while on duty and shall not be worn while on duty with any other organization. Only Dept. issued uniforms may be worn while on duty. Uniforms shall be replaced or updated as per Dept. policies.*

#### **Class "C" Work Uniform:**

This type of uniform is usually intended for those activities that the Department is involved in whereby the members are representing the Department. This type of uniform consists of dark blue, *black* pants (or other approved by the person calling for the uniform), *Dept. issued blue tee-shirt and any other part of the Class "B" uniform as the Ranking Officer shall deem.* *Duty crews may wear this uniform on duty if approved by an Officer and the heat index is above 85 degrees. At all times, duty crews must match their partner.*

## **BADGES, TIES AND INSIGNIAS:**

Length of service stripes shall be worn on the left sleeve of the Dress Uniform Coat. One hash mark for each five years of service shall be displayed. Persons having served as a Junior Firefighter may include that time as part of the service time. Gold hash marks are utilized for officers and / or past officers. Silver hash marks are utilized for firefighters.

Insignias:

- Fire Chief, 5 horns, crossed
- Deputy Fire Chief, 4 horns, crossed
- Assistant Fire Chief, 3 horns, crossed
- Captains, 2 horns EXCEPTION: Fire Police Captains will wear 2 Bars
- Lieutenants, 1 horn EXCEPTION: Fire Police Lieutenants will wear 1 Bar

Officers collar insignias are to be worn in the center of the collar on each side of the neck at one inch above the collar point. When a uniform coat is worn, collar insignias shall be worn on the coat collar in the same position and manner as in the case of on a shirt.

Black oxford shoes and navy blue socks shall be worn.

Tie clips, if worn, are to reflect good style and taste, conducive to the uniform.

## **PERSONAL APPEARANCE:**

Personnel representing the Department shall appear as neat and well groomed as possible when representing the Department or participating in a Departmental Function.

## **UNIFORM MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT:**

All personnel are responsible for the cleaning and routine maintenance of their uniform and related components.

## **SHIRT AND ACCESSORIES COLORS:**

Chiefs:

Chiefs uniforms shall be of navy blue pants with one, 1/2" gold stripe down the outside of each leg, a uniform jacket with white shirts, white hats (of the conductor type) and a navy blue tie. The proper color of accessories shall be gold. This includes badges, tie clips, rank metals, service stripes, belt buckles and other accessory items that may be worn. Black oxford shoes and navy blue socks shall be worn.

Captains:

Captains uniforms shall be of navy blue pants with one, 1/2" gold stripe down the outside of each leg, a uniform jacket with white shirts, white hats (of the conductor type) and a navy blue tie. The proper color of accessories shall be gold. This includes badges, tie clips, rank metals, service stripes, belt buckles and other accessory items that may be worn. Black oxford shoes and navy blue socks shall be worn.

Lieutenants:

Lieutenants uniforms shall be of navy blue pants with one, 1/2" gold stripe down the outside of each leg a uniform jacket with white shirts, white hats (of the conductor type) and a navy blue tie. The proper color of accessories shall be gold. This includes badges, tie clips, rank metals, service stripes, belt buckles and other accessory items that may be worn. Black oxford shoes and navy blue socks shall be worn.

#### Firefighters:

Firefighters uniforms shall be of navy blue pants with one, 1/2" gold stripe down the outside of each leg, a uniform jacket with *Light* blue shirts, navy blue hats (of the conductor type) and a navy blue tie. The proper color of accessories shall be silver. This includes badges, tie clips, rank metals, service stripes, belt buckles and other accessory items that may be worn. Black oxford shoes and navy blue socks shall be worn.

(An exception to the above is in the case of a firefighter being an ex-chief. In the event a firefighter is an ex-chief he may then wear the same uniform as the Chiefs are to wear provided that he displays badges that indicate *that* he is an "EX-CHIEF").

#### Fire Police:

##### Captain:

Captains uniforms shall be of navy blue pants with one, 1/2" gold stripe down the outside of each leg and jacket with white shirts, white hats (of the conductor type) and a navy blue tie. The proper color of accessories shall be gold. This includes badges, tie clips, rank metals, service stripes, belt buckles and other accessory items that may be worn. Black oxford shoes and navy blue socks shall be worn.

##### Lieutenant:

Lieutenants uniforms shall be of navy blue pants with one, 1/2" gold stripe down the outside of each leg and jacket with white shirts, white hats (of the conductor type) and a navy blue tie. The proper color of accessories shall be gold. This includes badges, tie clips, rank metals, service stripes, belt buckles and other accessory items that may be worn. Black oxford shoes and navy blue socks shall be worn.

##### Member:

Fire Police, auxiliary etc. uniforms shall be of navy blue pants with one, 1/2" gold stripe down the outside of each leg and jacket with light blue shirts, navy blue hats (of the conductor type) and a navy blue tie. The proper color of accessories shall be silver. This includes badges, tie clips, rank metals, service stripes, belt buckles and other accessory items that may be worn. Black oxford shoes and navy blue socks shall be worn.

#### **EQUIPMENT ISSUANCE:**

All active members, junior firefighters and trainees shall be issued appropriate PPE including but not limited to:

- helmet
- bunker coat
- bunker pants
- boot s
- protective hood
- firefighter gloves
- Pager w/charger

Fire Police shall be issued safety equipment including but not limited to:

- *Lime-Green* reflective vest
- Flashlight with safety orange light cone
- Badge
- Pager w/charger