
	<b>MESQUITE POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>
	<b>404.00 UNIFORM ACCOMPANIMENTS</b>
	<b>Effective Date: May, 2017</b>
	<b>Approved:</b> _____  <b>Chief of Police</b>

- I. Uniformed police personnel shall wear the standard-issue police uniform.
  - A. Portions of the police uniform shall not be worn with civilian clothing. For example, the police jacket shall not be worn with civilian clothing, nor shall the uniform trousers be worn with a civilian shirt.
  - B. The Chief of Police may authorize certain alternate items, such as light-weight jackets or windbreakers, which may be worn in lieu of the standard-issue uniform. A current list of such authorizations will be maintained in the Police Administrative offices and in the Watch Commander's office.
- II. Active members of the Police Honor Guard are authorized to wear the additional accompaniments of the honor guard uniform while performing an honor guard assignment.
- III. Specialized Shoulder Patches
  - A. Active members of the Tactical Unit are authorized to wear the Mesquite Police Department Tactical shoulder patch accompanied by a standard MPD Tactical Unit Patch. Personnel who are not currently active members of the primary or backup tactical teams are not authorized to wear a tactical designation.
  - B. Active members of the Special Response Team are authorized to wear the Mesquite Police Department S.R.T. shoulder patch. Personnel who are not currently active members of the Special Response Team are not authorized to wear a S.R.T. designation.
- IV. Uniform accompaniments, such as bars, medals, pins, insignia or jewelry, shall not be displayed on the uniform except as authorized by the Chief of Police.
  - A. Currently authorized uniform accompaniments include:
    1. Mesquite Police Badge
    2. Mesquite Police Nameplate
    3. MPD Collar Insignia
    4. Meritorious Conduct Bars (those awarded by the Mesquite Police Department)
    5. Mesquite Police Department Shoulder Patch
    6. Mesquite Police Department Rank Insignia
    7. FTO Bar (current MPD Field Training Officers only, the bar becomes a permanent award for FTOs with three years or more service)
    8. H.N.T. Bar (current MPD Hostage Negotiation Team Members only, the bar becomes a permanent award for team members with three years or more service)
    9. D.R.E. Bar (For Drug Recognition Experts who maintain their certification)
    10. The Police Honor Guard Bar (to active members with one year service; the bar becomes a permanent award for members with three years or more service)
    11. Explorers Post Advisor pin (current Explorer Post #145 advisors only, the bar becomes a permanent award for members with three years or more service)
  - B. The Chief of Police may authorize additional insignia to be worn, either on an individual approval basis or on a department-wide basis. A current list of such approvals will be maintained in the Police Administration offices and in the Watch Commander's office.
  - C. Meritorious Conduct Bars will be worn over the officer's right shirt pocket, above the nameplate, in the order of precedence. The higher-ranked bars will be worn to the officer's left closest to the heart. Lower-ranked bars will be worn to the right of and below the higher-ranked bars (refer to 400-1). The only exception would be bars of inconsistent shape or design such as the marksmanship bar. These bars may violate the

order of precedence rule in order to achieve a symmetrical design. Meritorious Conduct Bars will be worn only in the manner shown in exhibit 400-1. Subsequent identical bars may be worn, the exception to this rule will be subsequent driving bars and attendance bars – only the bar showing the greatest longevity will be worn.

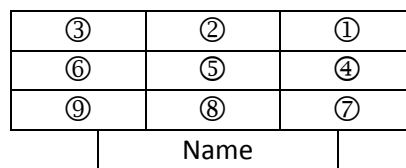
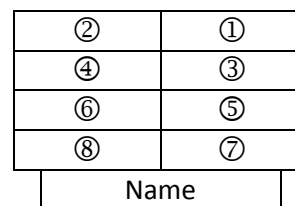
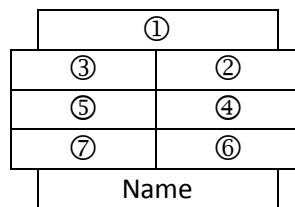
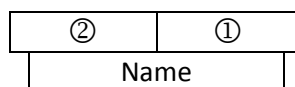
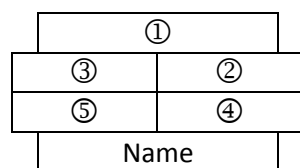
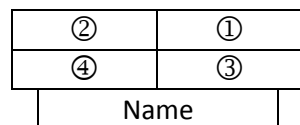
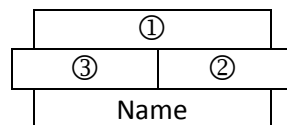
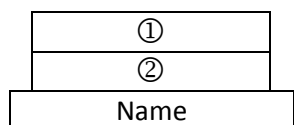
D. The order of prominence:

1. The Medal of Honor
2. The Police Cross
3. The Medal of Valor
4. The Meritorious Conduct Bar
5. The Police Commendation Bar
6. The Life Saving Bar
7. The Police Shield
8. The Certificate of Merit
9. The Police Officer of the Year Award
10. The Certificate of Civic Achievement
11. The Marksmanship Bar
12. The Safe Driving Bar
13. The Perfect Attendance Award
14. The Years of Service Bar
15. The F.T.O. Bar
16. The H.N.T. Bar
17. The D.R.E. Bar
18. The C.S.I. Bar
19. The Honor Guard Award
20. The Explorers Post Advisor Pin

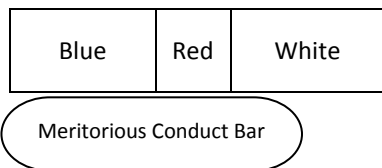
E. The awards, when worn as a group, may be mounted to a black plastic or black, silver or gold metal holder (worn outside the shirt) or a cardboard or plastic backing device (worn inside the shirt). These backing devices will be provided by the officer.

F. Exhibit 400-1 shows examples of how bars will be displayed on the police uniform. When displaying more than nine bars utilize the adopted standard. For example: ten bars would be three rows of three with one on top. Thirteen bars would be four rows of three with one on top and so on.

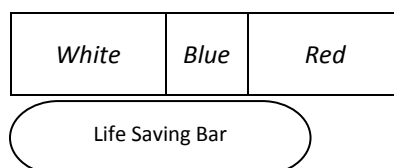
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The Meritorious Conduct Bar will be worn with the blue field to the left and the white field to the right as viewed by an individual facing the uniformed employee



The Life Saving Bar will be worn with the white field to the left and the red field to the right, as viewed by an individual facing the uniformed employee



# Exhibit No. 400-1 Uniform Accompaniments

