

OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

DEPARTMENT BADGE

Purpose: This directive recognizes design elements of the Department badge that reflect the uniqueness of the North Little Rock Police Department. This policy also serves to maintain and preserve the integrity of the North Little Rock Police Department's badge and its symbolism, and to ensure that the badge is possessed only by the Department's certified officers, retired officers, or severed officers in good standing.

Policy Statement: The North Little Rock Police Department establishes policies and procedures that provide for the effective and efficient delivery of police services. These policies and directives are intended to clarify the Department's intent, enhance decision making, and to provide for operational consistency in within the Department.

Summary of Changes: Adds procedures for purchase of non-Departmental issued badges. New Format.

Procedure

1 Design Elements

- 1.1 The North Little Rock Police Department Official Badge is gold in color because gold signifies "the finest" and is shaped as the shield of the protector. The eagle, symbolic of strength and courage, sits atop the shield and carries in its mouth an olive branch to represent the Department's friendship and partnership with our community and the City's friendship and partnership with our community and the City's friendships across the nation and the world.
- 1.2 The center crest is shaped similar to an interstate highway sign and is divided by lines that converge to the center to symbolize the city's position as the transportation center of the state. The crest carries images of historic significance to the City: City Hall, the Old Mill, and a locomotive because the City's beginnings were that of a railroad town. In the center of the crest is the logo of the City of Argenta. Above the crest, "1904" is the year of the City's incorporation.

2 Purchase of non-issued Departmental Badge

- 2.1 Officers who desire to purchase a badge which will bear the symbol of the North Little Rock Police Department, must seek approval of such purchase and register such possession through the Office of the Chief of Police.
 - 2.1.1 For the purpose of this policy, any badge or any replica thereof will be considered official property of the North Little Rock Police Department.
 - 2.1.2 Only sworn members are permitted to possess a Departmental police badge, whether issued or privately purchased.
- 2.2 Officers seeking approval to purchase a badge must do so by completing Section I of the *NLRPD Badge Request/Registration Form* (attachment 1). Upon approval for purchase and receipt of the badge, the officer will be responsible for registering it by completing Section II of the same form, and submitting it to the Office of the Chief of Police.
- 2.3 Upon suspension or upon severance of their employee relationship with the Department by either resignation, retirement, or dismissal, officers will be required to surrender any and all badges possessed by them.
- 2.4 Officers may seek relief under this section and approval through the Office of the Chief of Police to maintain personally purchased badges by completing Section III of the *NLRPD Badge Request/Registration Form*.

3 Responsibility

- 3.1 Once a request has been processed by the Office of the Chief of Police, the form is then forwarded to the Support Services Division Commander to be attached to the officer's equipment inventory file.

Mike Davis
Chief of Police

**NORTH LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT
BADGE REQUEST/REGISTRATION FORM**

OFFICER'S NAME _____

CURRENT BADGE NUMBER _____

**SECTION I
BADGE ORDER**

Details of request: _____

Number of Badges to be Purchased: _____ Badge Number: _____ Rank: _____

Approved Denied Approving Official/Rank: _____ Date: __/__/__

**SECTION II
BADGE REGISTRATION**

BADGE TYPE/RANK	DATE PURCHASED	WHERE PURCHASED	BADGE #
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**SECTION III
BADGE RETURN/RELEASE**

BADGE TYPE/RANK	DATE RETURNED OR RELEASED	OFFICER'S SIGNATURE	RELEASING OR RECEIVING OFFICIAL
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

REQUEST FOR RELEASE DETAILS: _____

Approved Denied Approving Official/Rank: _____ Date: __/__/__

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