

**404. UNIFORM AND PLAINCLOTHES REGULATIONS**

- a. Function - Members of the Department shall be governed by the following policies in regard to the wearing of the uniform and plainclothes duty.
- b. When Uniform is Worn
  - a. The uniform shall be worn by full-time employees at all times during duty hours unless otherwise directed. The uniform may be worn on such other occasions as good judgement and general rules of conduct may require.
  - b. Employees assigned to special activities; such as snowmobile patrol, may wear specifically designated equipment while so assigned.
  - c. Offices, when working any authorized extra police employment in the City, where the wearing of a police uniform is required, shall wear the regular police uniform as issued by the department.
- c. When Uniform is Not Worn
  - a. The uniform shall not be worn while performing any personal undertaking or activity which would detract from the dignity of the uniform. (Washing a car, painting a house, playing golf, driving a tractor, etc.)
  - b. The uniform shall not be worn in contravention of the general rules of conduct of the Department.
- d. Trousers
  - a. The trousers shall be kept cleaned and pressed and in good repair, with no worn spots on the pockets and no gaping flies and seams.
  - b. The cuff on all trousers should be low enough to prevent the appearance of "high-water" trousers.
  - c. The color of the uniform trousers shall be dark blue or navy. Except that supervisory personnel with the rank of Sergeant of above may wear white uniform shirts.
- e. Shirts
  - a. Winter shirts will be worn with a ties. The tie must be clip on type, dark blue or black.

- b. Summer shirts will be worn without a tie. Summer shirts will be short sleeve.
- c. The shirt shall be completely buttoned/zippered at all times, except at the collar on summer shirts, and shall be kept cleaned and pressed.
- d. Shirt pocket flaps shall be buttoned at all times. Pockets shall not be “loaded” with items to give a bulging appearance. Pens and pencils must be kept in the place designed for them.
- e. Shirts with frayed collars or with noticeable rips or tears shall not be worn.
- f. Collar emblems (BPD) as issued will be attached as illustrated. All employees shall wear silver (BPD) emblems and the Chief of Police shall wear gold (BPD) emblems.
- g. Jewelry or other accessories will not be worn on uniform.
- h. Shoulder patch will be attached on the upper sleeve. The top of the patch will touch the yoke seam and will be centered laterally. (See illustration)
- i. Sergeant insignia may be worn on both sleeves, centered just below the shoulder patch on the left sleeve. Sergeants may not wear the patch on short sleeve shirts and the chevrons will be placed on the collar.
- j. A chrome metal name plate will be worn by police personnel and a gold metal plate shall be worn by the Chief of Police. The name plate shall be worn immediately over or on the flap of the right shirt pocket. (See illustration)
- k. Any special insignia, service ribbons, etc. The design and the wearing of which has been approved by the Chief of Police will be worn above the name tag, above the right breast pocket, centered.
- l. Dispatcher or Communication patches may be worn in place of badge above the left pocket.

f. Footwear

- a. Regulation shoes of the Department shall be black in color, have no scuff

heels, high or low quarter dress or street style, free of ornate stitching or perforation, and be of the lace-up type. Dispatchers may wear a dark color casual style shoe.

- b. Employees will be permitted to wear boots while in uniform with the following specifications:
  - a. Boots will be the Wellington or similar type, with round toes.
  - b. Pointed toe cowboy boots will not be permitted.
  - c. The tops of the boots will not be sufficient height as to not allow pant cuffs to fall inside the boot.
  - d. The boots will be black in color.
  - e. Decorative stitching on boot tops will not be permitted.
  - f. Shoes and boots will be kept shined and in good repair.
  - g. Officers may wear snowmobile boots when weather requires.
  - h. Rubbers or overshoes shall be black in color.

g. Socks

Plain black or dark blue socks shall be worn in such a manner as to present a neat, well groomed appearance when wearing low cut shoes.

h. Raincoat

The raincoat will be that which is issued.

i. Jacket

- a. The jacket to be worn by uniformed members shall be of a style and design approved by the Chief of Police. When the weather warrants the wearing of an overcoat or top coat, officers may purchase at their own expense, a type considered to be conservative, and it shall be dark blue or black in color.
- b. Jackets must contain the same patches and badge as worn on the shirt.

j. Gloves

Though no gloves are issued, members are authorized to wear black or dark gloves whenever the weather warrants.

k. Sam Browne Belt

The issued basket weave Sam Browne Belt with silver hardware shall always be worn with the uniform.

l. Holsters

a. Black basket weave holsters shall be worn on the proper hip (right hip for right-handed members and the left hip for left-handed members). Only a holster issued by the Department or approved by the Chief of Police may be worn.

m. Cuff case, holder, key holder must be basket weave with silver hardware.

n. Whistle

The issue type whistle may be kept in handcuff case when not in use.

o. Badge

The badge to be worn by all offices shall be that which is issued. No alteration of badge will be permitted.

p. Service Bars

A dark blue service bar, approximately 1 7/8 inches by 1/4 inch, blue stitching on black case, may be worn on the left shirt sleeve above the left cuff. One service bar will be worn at the completion of each three (3) years of service. The service bars will be of the style, color and material issued by the Chief of Police of the Breckenridge Police Department. All other approved service pins and award insignias may be worn on the left shirt pocket flap.

q. Insignia of Rank

Insignia for ranking officers shall be of the approved design.

r. Attire for Plainclothes Duty

All officers while on plainclothes assignments shall report for duty attired in clothing such as is worn by professional personnel employed by private business firms, the style, color, and quality of which is that generally acceptable within the general business community.

Male officers should wear business suits, with tie, or sports coats and slacks, with tie, or leisure suit and shirts combinations, with or without the tie. Female officers may wear dresses, or blouse and skirt combinations, or conservative pants suit combinations for court appearance.

s. Part-time dispatchers who are not provided a clothing allowance may wear casual clothes with a conservative blending of pants and shirt.

t. Basic Uniform and Equipment Issue

The items listed here are those that the Department will provide to each individual employee during his employment. These items will be receipted by the employee when issued and receipted by the employer when returned. Normally the police officers are the only employees issued equipment. \*Denotes Dispatcher issue

- a. 3 badges - 1 coat, 1 shirt and 1 cap
- b. 1 name bar \*
- c. 4 collar insignia (BPD) - 2 large and 2 small
- d. 1 expanding cap strap
- e. 1 whistle
- f. 1 ID card \*
- g. 6 sets of coat and shirt shoulder patches, 6 dispatcher patches \*
- h. 1 eight point cap with long bill and rain cover
- i. 1 winter fur style cap
- j. Leather good - black basket weave, silver hardware

- a. 1 Sam Browne belt
- b. 1 holster
- c. 1 cuff case
- d. Magazine pouch (double)
- e. Smith & Wesson M&P .40 caliber service weapon
- f. Radio holder

- g. Taser and taser holder
- h. Key holder
- i. Handcuffs with key