

Badges

1032.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The name of the Fresno County Fire Protection District and the District badge and uniform patches are property of the District. This policy establishes the rules associated with Fresno County Fire Protection District badges and any likeness of the badge.

1032.2 POLICY

The Fresno County Fire Protection District may issue members of the District a curved uniform badge for use or display in compliance with this policy.

Only authorized badges issued or formally authorized by this district shall be displayed, carried or worn by members while on-duty or otherwise acting in an official or authorized capacity.

1032.3 BADGE TYPES

1032.3.1 UNIFORM BADGES

Uniform badges issued to personnel shall be clearly marked to reflect the position of the assigned member (e.g., PCF Fire Apparatus Operator, PCF Company Officer, Inspector). Each badge issued should be documented as an item loaned to the member.

- (a) Personnel shall not display the District badge except as a part of the uniform and while on-duty, or otherwise acting in an official and authorized capacity.
- (b) Personnel may not purchase, carry or display a flat badge.

1032.3.2 MOURNING BADGE

Uniformed members shall wear a black mourning band across the uniform badge whenever a firefighter is killed in the line of duty. The following mourning periods will be observed:

- (a) A firefighter of the District: From the time of death until midnight on the day of the funeral.
- (b) A firefighter from an adjacent fire agency: From the time of death until midnight on the day of the funeral.
- (c) Funeral attendee: While attending the funeral of an out-of-area firefighter.
- (d) As directed by the Fire Chief.

1032.4 LOSS OF BADGE

Any member who loses any badge must immediately report the loss to his/her supervisor. A badge should be considered lost whenever it is not in the direct control of the member.

1032.5 UNAUTHORIZED USE OF BADGES

No badge shall be issued to anyone other than a current member of the District. District badges are for official use only.

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The District badge, uniform patch or any likeness thereof shall not be used for personal or private reasons including, but not limited to, letters, memoranda or electronic communications, such as e-mail, websites or web pages.

Members may not use the District badge, uniform patch or District name in any material (printed matter, products or other items) without approval of the Fire Chief.

Members shall not loan their District badge to others and shall not permit the badge to be reproduced or duplicated.

1032.6 PERMITTED BADGE USE BY MEMBER GROUPS

The likeness of the District badge shall not be used by any member group without the express prior authorization of the Fire Chief and shall be subject to the following:

- (a) The member associations may use the likeness of the District badge for merchandise and official association business provided the merchandise is used in a clear representation of the association and not the Fresno County Fire Protection District. The following modifications shall be included:
 1. Any text referring to the Fresno County Fire Protection District shall be replaced with the name of the member association.
 2. The badge number portion of the image shall display the name or acronym of the member association.