



## ***Kern County Sheriff's Office*** **Policies and Procedures**

<b>TITLE: UNIFORM SPECIFICATIONS - RANK INSIGNIA</b>		<b>NO: K-302</b>	
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### **Sheriff-Coroner**

- Insignia for Sheriff-Coroner shall be four (4) gold-colored, metal, five-point stars, each with a smooth finish, and connected together.
- Uniform Shirt
  - 5/8" diameter five-point stars with smooth finish, attached to a straight metal bar fitted with two clutch type metal fasteners.
  - Attached to the shirt collars.
  - One point of each star shall point upwards in such a manner that a line bisecting the stars will be parallel to the top edge of the collar.
  - They shall be centered between the top and bottom edges of the collar.
  - The center of the front star shall be one inch in from the front edge of the collar.
  - Refer to Figure K-302-2.
- The Sheriff's Office badge and cap piece shall have a top banner reading "Sheriff."
  - The badge will contain either the badge number or four royal blue enamel five-point stars.

### **Undersheriff**

- Insignia for Undersheriff shall be three (3) gold-colored, metal, five-point stars, each with a smooth finish, and connected together.
- Uniform Shirt
  - 5/8" diameter stars with smooth finish, attached to a straight metal bar fitted with two clutch type metal fasteners.
  - Attached to the shirt collars.
  - One point of each star shall point upwards in such a manner that a line bisecting the stars will be parallel to the top edge of the collar.
  - They shall be centered between the top and bottom edges of the collar.
  - The center of the front star shall be one inch from the front edge of the collar.
  - Refer to Figure K-302-2.
- The Sheriff's Office badge and cap piece shall have a top banner reading "Undersheriff."
  - The badge will contain either the badge number or three royal blue enamel five-point stars.

## **Chief Deputy**

- Insignia for Chief Deputy shall be two (2) gold-colored, metal, five-point stars, each with a smooth finish, and connected together.
- Uniform Shirt
  - 5/8” diameter stars with smooth finish, attached to a straight metal bar fitted with two clutch type metal fasteners.
  - Attached to the shirt collars.
  - One point of each star shall point upwards in such a manner that a line bisecting the stars will be parallel to the top edge of the collar.
  - They shall be centered between the top and bottom edges of the collar.
  - The center of the front star shall be one inch from the front edge of the collar.
  - Refer to Figure K-302-2.
- The Sheriff’s Office badge and cap piece shall have a top banner reading "Chief Deputy."
  - The badge will contain either the badge number or two royal blue enamel five-point stars.

## **Commander**

- The insignia for Commander shall be a single gold-colored metal, five-point star with a smooth finish.
- Uniform Shirt
  - 3/4” diameter star with pin and catch type metal fasteners.
  - Centered on the front edge of the collar with two points of the star parallel with the front edge of the collar.
  - The center of the star shall be 3/4-inches from the front edge of the collar.
  - Refer to Figure K-302-2.
- The Sheriff’s Office badge and cap piece shall have a top banner reading "Commander."
  - The badge will contain either the badge number or one royal blue enamel five-point star.

## **Lieutenant and Detentions Lieutenant**

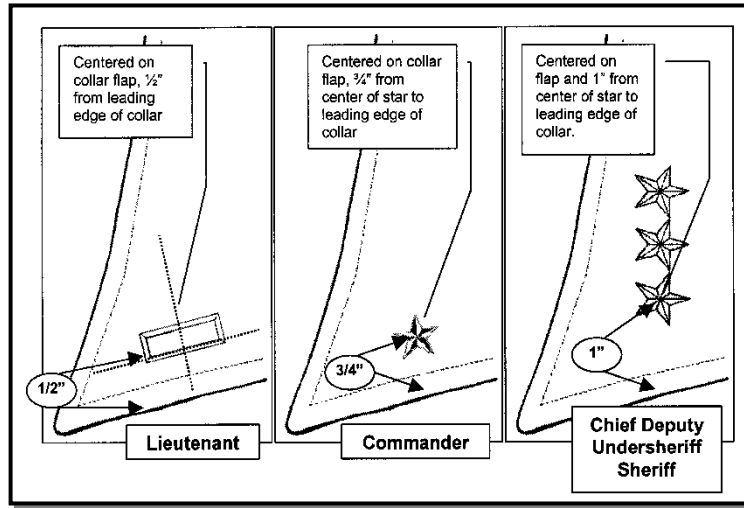
- The insignia for Lieutenant shall be a single gold colored metal bar.
- Uniform Shirt
  - The insignia worn on the uniform shirt shall 3/4” long by 1/4” wide. It shall be fitted with two clutch type metal fasteners.
  - One bar shall be worn on each side of the shirt collar, parallel to and inset 1/2” from the leading edge of the collar and centered on the collar flap.
  - Refer to Figure K-302-2.

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- Top banner, badge and cap piece:
  - Deputy Sheriff:
    - The Sheriff's Office badge and cap piece shall have a top banner reading "Lieutenant."
  - Detentions Deputy:
    - The Sheriff's Office cap piece shall have a top banner reading "Detentions Lieutenant."
    - The Sheriff's Office badge shall have a top banner reading "Lieutenant" and bottom banner of "Detentions"

**Figure K-302-2**  
Uniform Shirt  
Insignia  
(Drawing not to scale.)



**Sergeant, Detentions Sergeant, and Park Ranger Sergeant**

- The Sergeant's insignia shall be a chevron of three stripes, each stripe forming two sides of a triangle with the apex pointing up.
- Stripes are to be embroidered in nylon thread and are to be machine stitched onto a black colored, 100% wool backing. 3/16 inch of the backing to show between each stripe and as a border completely around the three stripes.
- Uniform Shirt
  - Chevrons shall be 1/4" wide; each leg of the chevron shall be 2 inches long.
    - Deputy Sheriff
      - Each stripe shall be red in color, bordered with gold.
    - Detentions Deputy
      - Each stripe shall be red in color, bordered with gold.
    - Park Ranger
      - Each stripe shall be red in color, bordered with gold.
  - Chevrons are to be centered on each sleeve below the shoulder patch, with one inch separating the shoulder patch and chevron.
- Top banner, badge and cap piece:

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- Deputy Sheriff:
  - The Sheriff’s Office badge and cap piece shall have a top banner reading “Sergeant.”
- Detentions Deputy:
  - The Sheriff’s Office cap piece shall have a top banner reading "Detentions Sergeant."
  - The Sheriff’s Office badge shall have a top banner reading “Sergeant” and bottom banner of “Detentions.”
- Park Ranger:
  - The Sheriff’s Office badge shall have a top banner reading “Ranger Sergeant.”

**Senior Deputy, Detentions Senior Deputy, and Senior Park Ranger**

- Senior Deputy, Detentions Senior Deputy, and Senior Park Ranger insignia shall be a chevron of two stripes with each stripe forming two sides of a triangle with the apex pointing up.
  - Deputy Sheriff:
    - Each stripe shall be red in color, bordered with gold.
  - Detentions Deputy:
    - Each stripe shall be red in color, bordered with gold.
  - Park Ranger:
    - Each stripe shall be red in color, bordered with gold.
- Stripes are to be embroidered in nylon thread and are to be machine stitched onto a black colored 100% wool backing, 1/8” of the backing to show between each stripe, and completely around the chevron as a border.
- Chevrons are to be attached to each sleeve, centered one inch below the shoulder patch.
- Chevrons will be the same for all shirts and jackets.
- The Sheriff’s Office Stripe and Service Stripe shall be red with gold trim.
- Top banner, badge and cap piece:
  - Deputy Sheriff:
    - The Sheriff’s Office badge and cap piece shall have a top banner reading “Senior Deputy.”
  - Detentions Deputy:
    - The Sheriff’s Office badge shall have a top banner reading “Senior Deputy” and bottom banner of “Detentions.”
    - The Sheriff’s Office cap piece shall have a top banner reading “Detentions Senior.”
  - Park Ranger:

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- The Sheriff’s Office badge shall have a top banner reading “Senior Ranger.”

**Cancer Awareness Sergeant and Senior Insignia**

- Shall reflect the specifications above with the exception of color. Cancer Awareness Chevrons are to be pink with black trim, colors matching the Sheriff’s Office Cancer Awareness Shoulder Patch.
- Cancer Awareness Chevrons are available for purchase at the Kern County Employee Benefit Association office.
- Cancer Awareness Chevrons are only authorized to wear during the month of October with the matching Cancer Awareness Shoulder Patches.
- Cancer Awareness service stripes are further described in DPPM K-0301.
- This option is currently not available to the Park Ranger classification.

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