

# Fauquier County Department of Fire Rescue

## **Rule & Regulation**

No. 127



### **Uniforms**

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## **PURPOSE**

To establish policies related to the classes of authorized uniforms.

## **SCOPE**

This policy pertains to all Fauquier County Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management uniformed personnel.

## **I. PREFACE**

- A. The following approved uniform items will be assigned to all personnel. It is the responsibility of all personnel to maintain all uniforms in a ready state and available for use. Uniform apparel and accessories are considered department property and will only be worn while performing County or department sponsored activities.
- B. Department uniforms are designed to make all employees of the department look professional in the eyes of the general public and those other agencies with which employees will come into contact. Uniforms and equipment which are assigned to Department personnel are intended to be safe, functional and present a professional appearance. Clothing worn while on-duty or during department functions other than that issued by the department must be approved by the Chief of the Department. All personnel will be in the appropriate duty uniform at the start of their shift.

## **II. GENERAL**

### **A. Class A Uniform**

1. The Class A uniform shall be worn at all County or Department functions as determined by a battalion chief or higher ranking officer. The Class A uniform represents the highest level of dress uniform. This uniform class shall be the appropriate attire for all formal events. This is not appropriate attire for personnel assigned to units that are subject to emergency response.
  - a. Dress long sleeve shirt, as assigned, white or blue;
  - b. Rank assigned insignia (badge, name plate, collar brass, etc.) and award/merit ribbons;
  - c. Dress pant, blue;

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- d. Dress belt, smooth 1 ¾", black;
- e. Dress shoes with black socks;
- f. Black dress tie;
- g. Bell-top cap, white or blue, as required;
- h. White gloves as required;
- i. Dress coat as required.

#### B. Class B Uniform

1. The Class B Uniform should be used for presentations where a formal uniform is warranted but not to the extent of a Class A. The Class B uniform is appropriate attire for members not assigned to in-service units.
  - a. Dress shirt, short or long sleeve (as decided by the officer in charge), white or blue;
  - b. Rank assigned insignia (badge, name plate, collar brass, etc.);
  - c. Dress pant, blue;
  - d. Dress belt, smooth 1 ¾", black;
  - e. Dress shoes with black socks.

#### C. Class C Uniform

1. The Class C Uniform is considered the regular duty work uniform. All personnel shall remain in a minimum of a Class C Uniform during all duty hours unless otherwise indicated by this guideline.
  - a. White (chief officers) or blue button-down duty shirt with department issued T-shirt or white undershirt;
  - b. Blue duty pants;
  - c. Department approved footwear (black protected-toe boots or shoes) with black socks;
  - d. Duty belt 1 ¾", black;
  - e. Job-shirt as necessary;
  - f. Uniform cap or beanie as necessary;
  - g. Blue responder parka (coat) as necessary;
  - h. Blue fleece coat (command staff) as necessary.

#### D. Class D Uniform

1. The Class D Uniform is designed for use during physical fitness activities, special training programs. It will remain the option of the officer in charge as to the dress required for any training exercise. The Class D Uniform can be worn during rest periods (after 2200 hours and before 0600 hours) when out of

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public view or in designated areas. The Class D uniform shall be the minimum accepted attire for all common living quarters. Personally owned running shorts may be worn; they shall be dark blue in color, fit appropriately and be void of any sayings which could be considered offensive.

- a. Uniform T-shirt;
- b. Department gym shorts (or employee supplied running shorts);
- c. Department coveralls;
- d. Department sweat pant;
- e. Department sweat shirt;
- f. Uniform cap, beanie, or head band as necessary
- g. Athletic socks (employee supplied)
- h. Athletic shoes (employee supplied)
  - i. Recruit School participants are required to wear closed toe athletic shoes. No other type will be allowed for fitness training.

### III. INSIGNIA

Uniformed employees shall wear the appropriate insignia on the uniform blouse and shirt.

#### A. Collar Pins

1. The appropriate collar pins as indicated below shall be worn on the uniform shirt.
  - a. Technician- Silver Scramble
  - b. Lieutenant- One Gold Bugle
  - c. Captain- Two Gold Bugles
  - d. Battalion Chief- Two Crossed Gold Bugles
  - e. Deputy Chief- Three Gold Bugles
  - f. Assistant Chief- Four Gold Bugles
  - g. Fire Chief- Five Gold Bugles
  
2. The insignia of rank shall be worn on both sides of the collar. The picture below demonstrates the proper position for collar brass with it centered in the point of the collar and ½ inch from the edge.

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**B. Badges**

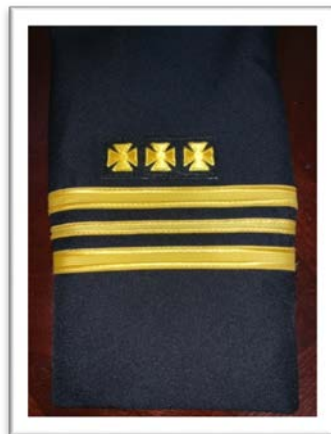
1. The appropriate badge shall be worn on the Class A and B uniform over the left breast pocket.
  - a. Technician- Silver with Fauquier County Seal
  - b. Lieutenant- Gold with Fauquier County Seal
  - c. Captain- Gold with Fauquier County Seal
  - d. Battalion Chief- Gold with an Eagle and Fauquier County Seal
  - e. Deputy Chief- Gold with an Eagle and Fauquier County Seal
  - f. Assistant Chief- Gold with an Eagle and Fauquier County Seal
  - g. Fire Chief- Gold with an Eagle and Fauquier County Seal



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### C. Sleeve Markings

1. The Department patch shall be worn on both sleeves of the Class A, B and C uniforms.
2. The appropriate sleeve rank indicator, as listed below, shall be worn above the sleeve cuffs of the Class A blouse.
  - a. Technician- None
  - b. Lieutenant- 1 Gold Stripe
  - c. Captain- 2 Gold Stripes
  - d. Battalion Chief- 3 Gold Stripes (2 normal width with 1 narrow in the middle)
  - e. Deputy Chief- 3 Gold Stripes
  - f. Assistant Chief – 4 Gold Stripes
  - g. Fire Chief- 5 Gold Stripes



Example of Battalion Chief markings

### D. Service Maltese Crosses

1. One Service Maltese Cross shall be worn on the lower left sleeve of the Class A blouse for every four years of service in a career department. Technician crosses are silver; those for the ranks of Lieutenant and above are gold.

### E. Name Tags

1. Name tags shall be worn on the Class A blouse and the Class A/B uniform shirts. The name tag shall be worn over the right breast pocket.

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**F. Award Ribbons or Pins**

1. Award ribbons or pins may be worn on the Class A and B uniform shirts. The pin and/or ribbons shall be centered over the name tag. All ribbons and pins shall be approved by the program manager.

**G. Class A Cap**

1. The Class A Cap Badge shall reflect the rank of the employee as followed.
  - a. Technician- Silver Scramble
  - b. Lieutenant- One Gold Bugle
  - c. Captain- Two Gold Bugles
  - d. Battalion Chief- Two Crossed Gold Bugles
  - e. Deputy Chief- Three Gold Bugles
  - f. Assistant Chief- Four Gold Bugles
  - g. Fire Chief- Five Gold Bugles

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. The daily uniform should be consistent with current weather conditions. Department issued T-shirts may be worn in place of button-down shirts when the outdoor ambient temperature exceeds 80 degrees Fahrenheit, or at the direction/discretion of the on-duty Battalion Chief. Additionally, regardless of the temperature, the station officer or on duty battalion chief may order the normal Class C uniform as appropriate for public events.

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- B. Department issued T-shirts may be worn in place of button-down shirts after 2200 hours and before 0600 hours with the Class C uniform except for personnel assigned to an on-duty battalion chief position.
  
- C. Personnel will be fitted for uniforms; all uniforms will be worn as they are issued by the department. Exceptions will only be made in instances where fit is non-functional; under no other circumstances should uniform items be modified or altered without prior approval from the program manager.