

Grand Forks Fire Department

Standard Operating Procedures

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I. Purpose

The purpose of this SOP is to identify the various items that may be worn with or on the uniform; and how those items may be worn. The Fire Chief has approved all of the items listed later in this SOP for wear on or with the uniform. Other items may be worn if granted an exception by the Fire Chief.

II. Approved items

- 1) An American Flag pin.
- 2) Stork pin (awarded by Altru, state, etc.).
- 3) US Postal Service “Heroes USA” stamp pin.
- 4) Red, White and Blue ribbon pin.
- 5) I.A.F.F. pin(s)

III. Proper Wearing

- 1) The American Flag pin is generally worn with guidance from the flag code. It is generally worn on the left side. If an individual chooses to wear this pin it is recommended that it is worn in the following manner:

- Class A uniform – On the left lapel of the suit coat.
- Class B uniform – Button down shirt, on the left pocket flap or on the left pocket.
- Class B uniform – Polo shirt, on the left pocket or above the logo.
- Class C uniform – No recommendations.

- 2) The Stork pin is an award pin given for delivering or assisting with delivering a baby in the field. If an individual is awarded this pin it is recommended that it is worn in the following manner:

- Class A uniform – Not recommended.
- Class B uniform – Button down shirt, on the right pocket flap or on the right pocket.

- Class B uniform – Polo shirt, on the right side.
 - Class C uniform – No recommendations.
- 3) The US Postal Service “Heroes” pin. It is recommended that it is worn in the following manner:
- Class A uniform – No recommendations.
 - Class B uniform – Button down shirt, on either pocket flap or pocket.
 - Class B uniform – Polo shirt, either side, if on left on the pocket.
 - Class C uniform – No recommendations
- 4) The Red, White and Blue ribbon pin. It is recommended that it is worn in the following manner:
- Class A uniform – No recommendations.
 - Class B uniform – Button down shirt, on the left pocket flap or on the left pocket.
 - Class B uniform – Polo shirt, on the left pocket or above the logo.
 - Class C uniform – No recommendations.
- 5) I.A.F.F. pin(s)
- Class A uniform – No recommendations.
 - Class B uniform – Button down shirt, right pocket flap or pocket, or collar.
 - Class B uniform – Polo shirt, on the right side or the collar.
 - Class C uniform – No recommendations.

IV. Jackets and Coats

Any of these pins may be worn on the coat or jacket in the same manner as it is worn on the Class B uniform.

V. General

- 1) No more than three (3) pins may be worn on the uniform or the coat/jacket at one time. An individual may have 3 pins on uniform and 3 pins on the coat/jacket.
- 2) Campaign or political pins or buttons of any type will not be worn on the uniform or on the jacket/coat.
- 3) No pins will be worn the cap at any time.
- 4) If any Fire Department officer feels that the wearing of a pin presents as a safety hazard or presents an unkempt appearance; the pin will be removed.

VI. Exceptions

Exceptions or variances to this SOP can be granted by the Fire Chief or his/her designee. Exceptions or variances should be submitted in writing.