

Memorandum

TO: ALL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

FROM: ANTHONY MATA
CHIEF OF POLICE

**SUBJECT: 175th ANNIVERSARY BADGE AND
PATCH**

DATE: July 21, 2023

APPROVED

Memo# 2023-020

BACKGROUND

On September 24, 1849, the San Jose City Council appointed the first twelve officers, establishing the San Jose Police Department. In 2024, the Department will mark its 175th anniversary.

Dating back to the late 1800s, the Department's badges were five, six, and seven-point stars. From the 1900s to 1976, the Department's badge was a seven-point star with a smooth surface. The badges read "SAN JOSE POLICE" and had one to three-digit badge numbers in the center, all in black enamel.

The seven points on the badge represent the seven core values of the Department: Integrity, Service, Courage, Innovation, Respect, Excellence, and Diversity.

In the mid 1970s, the Department changed to a four-digit badge numbering system and, at the same time, changed the badge style to the current version. The badge contract was awarded to the Ed Jones Co. The current style kept the seven-point star but added a rank ribbon, detailed leafing and blue enamel for the text on the badges.

The Department's patch was designed in 1956 and sworn personnel did not wear a shoulder patch until 1957. The Department's patch is blue with yellow writing and contains the city seal in the center of a seven-point star. The seal is a bushel of wheat with a grape vine underneath. In the late 1800s to mid-1900s, the City of San Jose was a large producer of wheat and grapes.

The Department badge and patch will continue to be a recognized symbol of professionalism, dedication and service.

ANALYSIS

To distinguish and commemorate the Department's 175 years of professional service, the Department has authorized the wearing of an anniversary badge and patch.

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The anniversary badge design will pay tribute to the Department's badges from the mid 1800s to the early 1900s, with a smooth surface seven-point star with black enamel and blend together a badge from the 1950's with rank in the middle and badge number on the bottom point. An additional top rocker will be added to display "175 YEARS" of service and the years 1849-2024 will be displayed below the rank designation.

Community Service Officers, Communications and Operations Support Services Division personnel anniversary badges will feature a modified anniversary star affixed to their current respective badge design. Each member will have their badge number engraved in the middle of the star.

Anniversary badges and shoulder patches will be made available to active and retired personnel, including reserve officers. The anniversary badge will be manufactured by the Ed Jones Co. Those wishing to purchase a badge must complete an order form. Completed order forms are to be turned in to or emailed to [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. The Ed Jones Co. will not accept order forms directly. Sample anniversary badges will be on display, in the third-floor hallway of PAC.

The cost of the anniversary badge is as follows:

Officers and Sergeants

Chrome	\$151.68
Hand Engraved Sterling Silver	\$348.11

Command Officers

24k Gold Plated	\$151.68
Hand Engraved 24k Gold Plated-Sterling Silver	\$348.11
Hand Engraved 10k Gold Filled	\$817.35

Community Service Officers, Communications and Operations Support Services Division

Chrome	\$151.68
Permatone (Gold Color Tone for Supervisors)	\$151.68

The anniversary patch design will feature the Department's original patch with a six-point star, 175th Anniversary banner below the star and the years 1849 and 2024.

Those wishing to purchase an anniversary shoulder patch may purchase it from the San Jose Police Department Historical Society representatives [REDACTED], [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] in mid-August. The cost of the patch is \$5 each.

ORDER

Effective January 1, 2024, any sworn member, including police reserves, and non-sworn members may wear the Department approved anniversary badge in place of the current badge for the calendar year of 2024.

Effective January 1, 2024, any sworn member, including police reserves, and non-sworn members may wear the Department approved commemorative shoulder patch in place of the current shoulder patch for the life of the patch.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Mata'.

Anthony Mata
Chief of Police

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Attachment A: Anniversary Badge and Patch Sample
Attachment B: Order Form

Attachment A: Sample Badges

Chrome Officer/Sergeant Badge



Hand Engraved Sterling Silver Sergeant/Officer Badge



24k Gold Plated Command Officer Badge

Hand Engraved 24k Gold Plated Sterling Silver
Command Officer Badge



Anniversary Patch

Communications Badge



OSSD Badge

CSO Badge



Attachment B: Order Form

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