



# GENERAL ORDER

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DEPARTMENT AWARDS

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General Order 79-10

RELATED DIRECTIVES

Department Special Order: Awards and Letters of Appreciation to Citizens

RESCINDS

## I. PURPOSE

This amendment:

- A. establishes the Lifesaving Award and prescribes procedures for its presentation to Department members.
- B. sets forth instructions for wearing the first and subsequent receptions of the Lifesaving Award.

## II. Item II is amended and will read as follows:

### II. AWARDS

- A. Richard J. Daley Police Medal of Honor - an award presented annually by the Superintendent of Police in memory of Mayor Richard J. Daley's outstanding service and dedication to the citizens of Chicago. The award will be conferred upon an exempt member, state, county or municipal official, or other citizen whose accomplishments, or contributed services have brought credit to the City of Chicago and/or the Chicago Police Department. This award will be presented by the Superintendent at an annual awards ceremony.
- B. Police Medal - an award to be made annually by the Superintendent of Police to recipients of the Superintendent's Award of Valor or the Superintendent's Award of Merit when, in his judgment, the accomplishment or performance of the individual member was so outstanding as to justify additional recognition. It will be presented in the form of a medal, ribbon bar, and certificate.
- C. Superintendent's Award of Valor - an award granted to any member of the Department for an act of outstanding bravery or heroism by which the member has demonstrated in great degree the characteristics of selflessness, personal courage, and devotion to duty. It will be presented in the form of a medal, ribbon bar, and certificate.
- D. Superintendent's Award of Merit - an award granted to any member of the Department for an outstanding accomplishment which has resulted in improved administration, improved operation, or substantial savings in manpower or operational costs where the member has gone far beyond the requirements of his normal assignment to contribute to a more effective and efficient police service or for outstanding police work which has brought great credit to the Department in a case of unusual public interest. It will be presented in the form of a medal, ribbon bar, and certificate.
- E. Honored Police Star - an award of honor conferred upon the star of any deceased member who met death in circumstances that clearly demonstrate performance with courage and distinction in the face of great danger without regard for personal safety while in the performance of duty. This award designation will be a tribute to the member's courage and dedication.
- F. Police Blue Star Award - an award granted to any sworn member of the Department who has been seriously, critically, or fatally injured while in the direct performance of police duty. The award will be limited to those cases resulting from attack by an assailant, personal combat, or the performance of an act of valor. It will be presented in the form of a medal, ribbon bar, and certificate.
- G. Lifesaving Award - an award granted to any member of the Department for a successful effort in saving a human life which involved exceptional courage or performance. It will be presented in the form of a ribbon bar and certificate.
- H. Department Commendation - an award granted to any member for an outstanding act or achievement which brings great credit to the Department and involves performance above and beyond that required by the member's basic assignment; or involves performance required by the member's basic assignment which in the opinion of the member's commanding officer is deserving of this award. It will be presented in the form of a ribbon bar and certificate.
- I. Unit Meritorious Performance Award - an award granted to each individual who performed with a unit which exhibited exceptional professional skill and conduct during a coordinated action. It will be issued in the form of a ribbon bar and certificate, inscribed with the officer's name and the date of the action for which it is awarded.
- J. Honorable Mention - an award granted to any member for exceptional performance. It will be issued in the form of a certificate.
- K. Police Officer of the Month Award - an award bestowed upon a sworn member, or each sworn member of a team whose performance of duty during a specific month was characterized by such exceptional professional skill that it merited recognition by the entire Department. It will be presented in the form of a certificate.

## III. Item IV-A is amended to read as follows:

- A. The Awards Committee will consist of the following personnel:
  - 1. First Deputy Superintendent for Operational Services

2. Deputy Superintendent for Investigative Services
3. Deputy Superintendent for Field Tactical Services
4. Deputy Superintendent for Administrative Services
5. Deputy Superintendent for Technical Services
6. Deputy Superintendent for Community Services
7. Director of Personnel

IV. Items IV-F, IV-F-1 and IV-F-4 are amended to read as follows:

F. The Awards Committee will meet as often as necessary, but at least once a month, to review recommendations for the Superintendent's Award of Valor, the Superintendent's Award of Merit, the Honored Police Star, the Police Blue Star Award, the Lifesaving Award, the Unit Meritorious Performance Award and the Police Officer of the Month Award.

In connection with such recommendations, the members will take the following actions:

1. They may approve the recommendation for the Superintendent's Award of Valor, the Superintendent's Award of Merit, the Lifesaving Award or the Unit Meritorious Performance Award and forward the recommendation to the Office of the Superintendent so that arrangements may be made for an appropriate ceremony.
4. They may disapprove the recommendation for the Superintendent's Award of Valor, the Superintendent's Award of Merit or the Lifesaving Award and return the report to the recommending officer with instructions that the individual be considered for other appropriate recognition.

V. Item V-A is amended to read as follows:

V. PERSONNEL DIVISION

The Personnel Division will:

- A. maintain a sufficient supply of certificate forms, medals, and ribbon bars for the Police Medal, the Superintendent's Award of Valor, the Superintendent's Award of Merit, the Police Blue Star Award, Lifesaving Award, Department Commendation Award, Police Officer of the Month Award and the Unit Meritorious Performance Award and will issue these to members of the Department as authorized in this order along with the appropriate Personnel Order. All documents forwarded to the Personnel Division in support of recommended awards will become part of the personnel file of the member(s) being cited.

VI. Item VI-B is amended to read as follows:

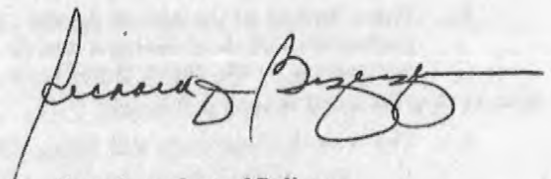
- B. The Superintendent's Award of Valor, the Superintendent's Award of Merit, the Police Blue Star Award, the Lifesaving Award, the Police Officer of the Month Award and the Unit Meritorious Performance Award will be presented to the cited member(s) as soon as approved with such ceremony as is deemed appropriate by the Superintendent.

VII. Items VII-A, VII-B, VII-D-2, VII-D-3 and VII-D-6 are amended to read as follows:

- A. Sworn members of the Department who are awarded the Lambert Tree Medal, the Carter Harrison Medal, Police Medal, Superintendent's Award of Valor, Superintendent's Award of Merit, Police Blue Star Award, Lifesaving Award, Department Commendation Award or the Unit Meritorious Performance Award are encouraged to wear the ribbon bar on the outer garment or the uniform shirt when the shirt is the authorized outer garment. The Unit Meritorious Performance Award will be worn by only those members who were in the unit during the time for which the citation was awarded. The ribbon bar(s) will be worn on the right breast centered  $\frac{1}{4}$ " above the name plate.
- B. Civilian members of the Department who are awarded the Police Medal, Superintendent's Award of Valor, Superintendent's Award of Merit, Lifesaving Award, Department Commendation Award or the Unit Meritorious Performance Award are requested to wear the ribbon bar on their civilian attire in a position closely approximating those indicated for sworn members.
- D. Positioning of stars and ribbon bars for subsequent awards will be as follows:
  2. A  $\frac{3}{16}$ " blue star will be placed and centered, alternating right then left from the center blue star for the second, third and fourth reception of the Lifesaving Award, the Department Commendation Award or the Unit Meritorious Performance Award.
  3. The reception of the fifth award of the Police Medal, Superintendent's Award of Valor, Superintendent's Award of Merit, Police Blue Star Award, Lifesaving Award, Department Commendation Award or the Unit Meritorious Performance Award will be signified by the wearing of a single  $\frac{3}{16}$ " silver star centered on the ribbon bar.
  6. When wearing Department ribbon bars, no more than three ribbon bars will be worn in a row. The fourth ribbon bar will be placed and centered immediately above the first three bar row. The fifth ribbon bar will be grouped and centered with the fourth ribbon bar immediately above the first three bar row. The sixth ribbon bar will complete the second three bar row. Ribbon bars will be displayed in accordance with their order of precedence as indicated in Item II of this order, with the highest award being placed on the right side. As additional ribbon bars are received, members will realign their ribbon bars so that the highest award is always displayed in the top row.

Indicates new or revised item.

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