

SHERIFFS' BUREAU AND ASSOCIATION UNIFORM ADOPTION
FOR ALL DEPUTY SHERIFFS, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1973

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The following uniform standards are Official for all Sheriffs & Deputies

WINTER TROUSERS --- Sixteen ounce Castilleo Gray, 2-ply, all wool
wipcord with a 1-inch black mohair stripe on the outer trouser
leg seam, Heavy duty regular side pockets with heavy duty 250
drill pocketing. Two hip pockets. Left hip pocket with bone but-
ton. Trousers to have a snug-tex waist band. The trousers shall
have installed a french fly with heavy duty zipper. Belt loops
shall be one inch wide and two inches high. The trousers are to
be manufactured from Hamburger #911 fabric.

WINTER SHIRTS --- Black, 3-ply, 55% dacron, 45% wool, 10-1/2 ounce
tropical fabric with reinforced elbows and pearl gray Hamburger
#585 shoulder straps and pocket flaps, pockets 5" in depth. A
shoulder device shall be affixed to each arm with center of device
one inch below shoulder seam and centered on the sleeve. (See attached
diagram)

SHOULDER PATCHES --- Black background with silver gray lettering
and star, gold state seal. Commissioned officers shall wear shoulder
patches with a black background, gold outline, lettering and star,
with silver gray seal.

SUMMER TROUSERS --- same as above except 10-1/2 ounce Hamburger #333-
11-07 with the same fiber content as the Hamburger #333 Black. Jean
fabric shall be installed in each pocket as lining.

SUMMER SHIRTS --- Short sleeves, medium gray in color, Hamburger #585
with black shoulder straps and black pocket flaps manufactured from
Hamburger #333 with a reinforced yoke of a satin grade fabric worn
open at the neck with no neck tie.

WINTER JACKETS --- A waist length jacket made of a super nylon black
twill with an imitation fur collar and reinforced with leather in the
sleeve openings. The jacket is to be a 5-button front style with a
concealed zipper, quilted poly-foam full lining and knit wristlets.

NECK TIES --- Pearl gray, manufactured of Hamburger #585 to match the
pocket flaps and shoulder straps of the winter shirts.

WINTER HATS --- Black genuine fur felt with black 3/4" band and chin
strap. Hat to be western style with 3" brim, Manufactured and distri-
buted by Stratton Hat Company of Chicago, Illinois.

SUMMER HATS --- Black, milan straw with black band and chin strap,
manufactured by the Stratton Hat Company of Chicago, Illinois, same
style as the winter hat.

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BADGES --- A Six (6) Point Silver star with the State Seal and County identification, approximately 2-1/4" in diameter. (Commissioned officers badges shall be gold in color). The hat badge will be a miniature facsimile of the shirt badge and shall be approximately 1-1/2 inch in diameter. (Commissioned officers' hat badges shall also be gold in color)

The official 6-Point Star shall be worn in the center on the flap of the left breast pocket, with the center top point of the star even with the top seam of the left pocket flap.

CAR AND CAR INSIGNIA --- The official car color shall be black with a silver grey top. There shall be installed on each front door a six-point decal containing the outline of the West Virginia State map with county designation thereon. This decal is available from the Miller Sign Company, Morgantown, West Virginia for \$5.00 per unit. Black and Gold decals may be installed on the front and rear of each vehicle with the words thereon, "SHERIFF PATROL."

NOTE: All Shirts and Jackets must display the official Sheriffs shoulder device.

Consistant with paragraphs 1 and 2, Section 6, Article 8, Chapter 15 of the Code of West Virginia, the foregoing uniform standards and sheriffs' patrol car color and markings was revised and adopted by the West Virginia Sheriffs' Association and Bureau.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State, State of West Virginia on December 27, 1972, revisions to become effective January 1, 1973, as provided for by the Code.

NOTE:

The following excerpts from the West Virginia Code, and Attorney General's opinion, are enclosed for your information and guidance:

15-3-6. STANDARD COLOR FOR MOTOR VEHICLES USED BY SHERIFFS;
STANDARD BADGES AND UNIFORMS; WEARING OTHER THAN
STANDARD UNIFORM OR BADGE; UNAUTHORIZED WEARING OF
OFFICIAL UNIFORMS OR BADGES.

(1) The Bureau may by proper rules and regulations adopt a standard color for use on the motor vehicles used by the various sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of West Virginia.

(2) For purposes of uniformity, the bureau may establish a standard badge and uniform to be worn by all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.

(3) On and after the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred sixty-five, it shall be unlawful for any sheriff or deputy sheriff to wear other than the standard uniform and badge as provided by the preceding paragraph, except when engaged in undercover work or other similar duties wherein the identity of the officer should be undisclosed. When so adopted by the bureau, it shall be unlawful for any person other than sheriffs and deputy sheriffs to wear an official sheriff's badge or uniform as prescribed by the bureau, or to wear a badge or insignia of such similarity to the official sheriff's badge as to be indistinguishable therefrom at a distance of twenty feet: Provided, that nothing herein shall be construed to prevent members of any military, fraternal, or similar organization or any other law enforcement officer from wearing any insignia officially adopted or worn prior to the effective date (March 10, 1961) of this section.

(4) Violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed six months, or both fine and imprisonment. (1961, c.116.)

COST OF UNIFORMS --- Section 7-7-12 makes it mandatory that the County Court allow to the sheriff the cost of "law enforcement and safety equipment", which properly includes the official standard uniforms for deputy sheriffs which conform to the specifications as adopted by the West Virginia Sheriffs' bureau. However, no express statutory authority exists for payment by a county court to the sheriffs or any of their deputy sheriffs of a periodic allowance for their uniforms. Ops. Att'y Gen., May 26, 1965.

EXAMPLE OF THE OFFICIAL
SHERIFF'S SHOULDER DEVICE



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