

## CHIEF OFFICER BADGES

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Effective January 1, 2001 the Department will change to a gold shield style badge from the traditional silver six-point star badge, which has been issued to positions categorized as uniformed chief officers.

The silver star badges will no longer be issued, and will no longer be authorized for wear with the uniform. The transitional gold shield badges replacing the currently issued star badges were ordered with the same badge number as on the employee's star badge. Badge issuance procedures are outlined in [Section 1520](#) of this Handbook.

New appointments to chief officer positions will only be issued the gold shield style badge. Those employees who currently have star badges issued to them are authorized to retain their badges. It is the responsibility of the employee to keep their star badge in a safe and secure location until such time as the employee retires or separates from the Department. Badge retirement and removal from service processes are outlined in [Section 1525](#) of this handbook.

The chief officer shield style badges are ordered with the title panel capable of being changed to reflect promotions or changes to the employee's classification. This process will enable the employee to retain his/her same shield badge and badge number. Replacement of the title panel will be the responsibility of the unit where the promotion or change in class occurs. Units needing instruction on this procedure should contact Sacramento Business Services.

## CHIEF OFFICER BADGE TITLES

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Badges titled **CHIEF** are issued to the following:

- Director
- Chief Deputy Director
- Deputy Directors – Fire Protection and Resource Management
- State Fire Marshal
- Region Chiefs
- Assistant Deputy Directors – Fire Protection and Resource Management
- Area Chiefs
- Assistant State Fire Marshal
- Chief of Fire Prevention
- Forestry and Fire Protection Administrator
- Unit Chief

Badges titled **DEPUTY CHIEF** are issued to the following:

- Assistant Chief Supervisory w/Differential
- Incumbent Forester III

Badges titled ***DIVISION CHIEF*** are issued to the following:  
Assistant Chief, Supervisory & Non-Supervisory  
Forester II, Supervisory & Non-Supervisory

Badges titled ***BATTALION CHIEF*** are issued to the following:  
Battalion Chief, Supervisory & Non-Supervisory

Badges titled ***FORESTER*** are issued to the following:  
Forester I, Supervisory & Non-Supervisory

Badges titled ***SENIOR AVIATION OFFICER*** are issued to the following:  
Senior Air Operations Officer

Badges titled ***AVIATION OFFICER*** are issued to the following:  
Air Operation Officers I, II, III

Badges titled ***SENIOR EQUIPMENT MANAGER*** are issued to the following:  
Senior Forestry Equipment Manager

Badges titled ***EQUIPMENT MANAGER*** are issued to the following:  
Forestry Equipment Managers I & II

Badges titled ***COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER*** are issued to the following:  
Telecommunications System Manager

## **ADDITIONAL BADGES AUTHORIZED**

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Unit Chiefs and above may authorize chief officers in their respective units/programs to personally purchase additional duplicate chief officer shield badges to wear on uniform jackets, belt badge holders, or placed in badge wallets. The employee will only use these badges during the course of their official duties. Duplicate badges are to be purchased only from the manufacturer of the original badge and will be of the same style, specification, rank title and badge number as the one issued by the Department. Title panel changes, as the result of promotion or classification change for the duplicate badge(s) will be the responsibility of the employee.

Badge specifications and ordering instructions are available from Sacramento Business Services.

Employees assigned to positions categorized as uniformed chief officers can only obtain duplicate badges for the current rank they hold.

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