

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-_____

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT POLICIES**

WHEREAS, the Police Chief is charged with developing a police policy manual to be used by officers employed with the police department; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has developed such a policy and procedures manual; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has revised Policy 03-007 to revise uniform requirements to the Blauer style; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the City Council to be the body to approve all policy decisions on the behalf of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF PRAIRIE GROVE, ARKANSAS:**

That the City Council hereby approves Police Department Policy 03-007, attached to this Resolution, dated January 22, 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 22nd day of January 2024.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

David Faulk, Mayor

Christine Kelly, Clerk

POLICY NAME: Grooming & Uniforms	
POLICY NUMBER: 03-007	
EFFECTIVE DATE: 12-01-91	REVISED DATE: 01/22/2024

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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide all employees with guidelines concerning proper clothing, uniform and grooming requirements when on duty or when representing this agency in any manner.

Policy:

Employees of this agency are customer service representatives of this city and in that capacity, it is very important that all employees, both sworn and non-sworn, present a professional image to the public. It shall be the policy of this agency that all employees will consistently maintain a neat and clean appearance at all times during the performance of official duties or at any time that he/she is representing this agency in any manner.

Procedures:

- A. Grooming
 - a. Employees will keep their persons clean and sanitary by practicing the following:
 - i. Bathing daily and practicing good hygiene
 - ii. Wearing clean clothes that are free from unpleasant odors
 - b. Facial Hair
 - i. Male officers shall be permitted to maintain the following approved styles of facial hair:
 - A. **Clean Shaven** – no facial hair (**Figure 1**).
 - B. **Mustache** – hair below the nose and above the upper lip (**Figure 2**).
 - i. Shall be trimmed and not extend below the upper line of the upper lip.
 - ii. If worn alone, may not extend below the corners of the mouth.
 - iii. Extreme styles such as handlebar mustaches are prohibited.
 - C. **Goatee** – a mustache that extends down around the side of the mouth and joins hair on the chin, also referred to as a circle beard (**Figure 3**).
 - i. Shall be worn with a mustache.

- ii. The cheeks, jaw line, and neck shall remain clean shaven.

D. **Natural Beard** – also referred to as a full set (**Figure 4**).

- i. Shall be worn with a mustache.
- ii. Shall cover the complete jaw line.
- iii. Cheeks shall be shaved on and above the cheekbone.
- iv. The neck shall be shaven on and below the Adam's apple.
- v. shall not extend beyond the middle of the ear, even in width not to exceed 1" at the bottom.

ii. The following styles of facial hair are **NOT** permitted:

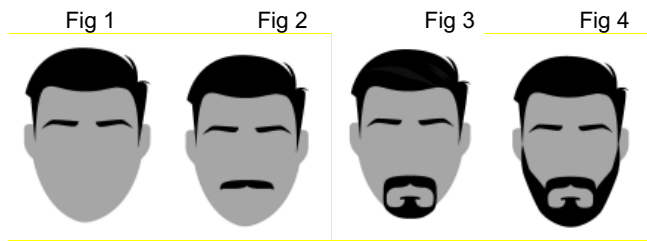
- A. Chin Strap Beards – Beards that are trimmed to a thin line along the jaw.
- B. Patchy Beards – Beards of uneven or patchy growth.
- C. Beards Taking Excessive Time to Grow – If, after one week of growth, the beard remains patchy.
- D. Designer Stubble – Beards shorter than 1/16th of an inch.

iii. **All** facial hair shall conform to the following restrictions:

- A. The bulk of the beard (distance that the mass of facial hair protrudes from the skin of the face) shall not exceed ¼ of an inch.
- B. No portion of the beard shall be exceptionally longer than the rest.
- C. No designs may be shaved into facial hair.
- D. Facial hair must be neatly sculpted and trimmed at all times.
- E. Officers shall not claim a constant state of growth, only to avoid shaving on a regular basis; and,
- F. Officers in assignments where the frequent use of a negative pressure respirator is likely, will only be

permitted to maintain a style of approved facial hair that does not come into contact with the seal.

- iv. Supervisors shall:
 - A. Ensure officers conform to an approved style of facial hair; and,
 - B. If at any time a supervisor determines the facial hair is not within policy standards, the employee will be ordered to make required changes or return to a clean-shaven face within one normal scheduled workday for that officer in violation.
- v. The first violation of the facial hair policy will result in a documented verbal counseling to the officer. A second violation will result in a written reprimand. A third and continued violations by the same officer will result in more severe disciplinary action including suspension without pay and up to termination.
- vi. Any patrol supervisor failing to address known violations from officers on patrol will face the same disciplinary actions above.



- c. Hairstyle
 - i. Hair will be neat and clean in appearance at all times.
 - ii. While on duty, and in uniform, male officers will keep their hair trimmed according to the following guidelines:
 - A. The back will be neatly tapered, rounded or squared and may extend down to the top of the collar.
 - B. The length of the hair in front will not fall lower than one-half inch above the tops of the eyebrows.
 - C. The length of the bulk of the hair on the sides will not extend lower than half way down the ear.
 - D. Sideburns may extend downward to the bottom of the lowest part of the ear, but not below.
 - E. Sideburns will not be flared or any wider at the bottom than their natural width at the top.

- iii. While on duty, and in uniform, female officer's hair style shall be worn according to the following guidelines:
 - A. Hair will not extend below the bottom of the collar.
 - B. Hair will be styled in a fashion that will allow the hat/cap to be worn over the hair.
 - C. Conspicuous pins, barrettes and combs are not authorized.
 - D. Female officers working in non-uniform positions may wear their hair in a style that is not as restrictive. However, the hair should be relatively short and in a style and color that is non offensive to the general public.
- d. Tattoos, Body Piercings, and Jewelry for Employees
 - A. Officers in uniform may wear a wristwatch and / or an identification type bracelet.
 - B. Rings may be worn, but only one on each hand is permitted. A wedding set will be considered as one ring.
 - C. Necklaces may be worn as long as they are kept under the shirt and are not visible to the public.
 - D. Earrings and ear studs will not be worn with the uniform.
 - E. Tattoos shall not be offensive, obscene or otherwise inappropriate. The Chief of Police or designee will make the final determination as to what is or is not offensive. Tattoos on the neck, face, head, or scalp are prohibited. Tattoos not prohibited in this section are permissible and do not require covering while on duty.
 - F. Items used by female officers to hold the hair in place will be concealed as much as possible and will be of a color and style that blends with the hair. Decorative items such as ribbons will not be worn in the hair.
 - G. All other decorative jewelry is prohibited.
- e. Makeup for Female Officers
 - A. The use of makeup by female employees, both in uniform and plain clothes, will be conservative. This does not imply a plain look but is meant to eliminate gaudiness.
- B. Non-Uniformed Appearance:
 - a. Civilian's hair will be neatly styled, trimmed and well kept. It will not be of a style, length or artificial color which is offensive to the general public.
 - b. Any employee whose current assignment may require any deviation from the above procedures, such as Detective or plain clothes undercover work, may make a request to the Chief of Police for approval of an exception. The said approval will automatically expire upon completion of the assignment.
 - c. On duty officers wearing civilian clothing shall present a neat professional image. Civilian employees will present a business like appearance and wear proper office attire.
 - d. Off duty officers, driving or riding in a city vehicle, shall dress in a manner that reflects a favorable image to the public. Dress which is specifically

prohibited includes “cut-off” shorts, swimming attire, sleeveless T-shirts, tank tops or caps, shirts or patches or decals which are suggestive, obscene or which advertise products whose promotion might be detrimental to the law enforcement function, including, but not limited to liquor and illegal drugs. This section is not intended to apply to officers whose duties require dress that might be otherwise prohibited.

C. Uniforms and Equipment

- a. All personnel will be held personally accountable for the return of all department issued uniform items. No issued item is to become the property of any individual; all remain the property of the department.
- b. Items lost or damaged during law enforcement activities will be reported to the Chief of Police as soon as possible in writing.
- c. Replacement of items of personal purchase which are lost or damaged in the law enforcement activities will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- d. Property lost or damaged as a result of law enforcement activities in connection with the arrest of an individual will be promptly reported. Replacement costs will be determined and the officer involved will include this amount in a follow up report. If possible the suspect will be charged with Criminal Mischief and reimbursement requested.
- e. All officers will be issued a body armor vest and carrier for use. Wear will be required for all personnel participating in raids, any barricade or hostage situation, or any situation deemed appropriate by the Chief of Police. Wear at other times is encouraged, but not required

D. Uniform Requirements:

- a. All uniform clothing will be clean and pressed.
- b. All uniform clothing items and nylon gear will not be torn, frayed or patched.
- c. All leather gear, belt, holster, etc. as well as boots or shoes will be polished and clean at the beginning of their shift.
- d. All silver or brass items will be clean and properly polished.
- e. When in uniform, all pieces of the uniform and all uniform equipment will be worn.
- f. T-shirts worn under uniform shirts will be navy blue or black in color.
- g. Hats may be required on certain assignments which are non-violent or of a non-emergency nature, and require and officer to be in the public view, such as traffic control, foot patrol, funerals, etc.
- h. Baseball caps are optional but may be worn while on duty or responding to a call while off duty. Only the department approved hat will be worn.

E. Court Appearances:

- a. The police uniform is authorized dress for any court appearance except no officer will wear the uniform cap or hat in the courtroom.
- b. Male officers may substitute a suit for the uniform when appearing in Circuit Court. Minimum requirements for non-uniform court attire include:
 - i. Dress slacks
 - ii. Dress shirt

- iii. Tie
- iv. Suit jacket or sports jacket
- v. Dress shoes
- c. Female officers may substitute conservative business suits or ensembles, dress slacks and blouse or dress, for the uniform when appearing in Circuit Court.
- d. For appearing in District Court officers may wear casual dress attire. (No jeans or T-shirts)

F. Wearing of Uniforms

- a. No member of the department shall wear his/her uniform or any part of his/her uniform while he/she is under suspension for any cause. Members shall wear the uniform prescribed by the department in keeping with temperature or weather conditions.
- b. There is to be no other material, either permanent or temporary placed on any part of the uniform except those authorized by this policy, or some other statement of the Chief of Police.
- c. All ranking officers shall carry pens or pencils which must be predominately gold or blue in color. Only two pens or pencils will be carried in the shirt pocket.
- d. All patrolmen shall carry pens or pencils which must be predominately silver or blue in color. Only two pens or pencils will be carried in the shirt pocket.
- e. Badge:
 - i. The badge will be worn on the left side of the shirt and will be the department issued badge. The police officer's badge will be silver in color and the Chief of Police and Sergeant's badges will be gold in color.
- f. Name Tag & Awards:
 - i. The nameplate will be the department approved nameplate. The lettering on it will be the initial of the first name followed by a period, then the officer's last name. It will be worn with the bottom part 1/4 "above the top of the right pocket, centered over the pocket button.
 - ii. Officers may wear the embroidery cloth name tag on all shirts. These name tags will be navy blue background with silver or gold lettering, with Sergeant and above having gold lettering. Awards will be worn directly above the name tag centered over it. Officers with more than one award will wear them side by side up to three across. Or two across and a second row on top of the first, with those on the second row centered over the ones on the first or if the same number are in both rows directly over the ones in the first. Additional rows would be done the same way.
- g. Hat:
 - i. The hat shall be a straw campaign style with 3 1/4" wide brims, color graphite gray with dark blue band. Braid consisting of hat cord with acorns will be worn. Braid will be silver for officers and gold for Sergeant and above. The strap will be made of leather and black in color. Rain covers will be made of clear material. During

- cold weather the officer may wear the approved navy blue watch cap.
- h. Baseball Caps
 - i. Caps will be of the type and style approved by the Chief of Police. Caps will be dark navy blue or black in color with a Prairie Grove Police cloth badge on the front and PGPD on the back. The cap will be a low-profile baseball style cap with a solid back. This will be the only type baseball cap that will be worn.
 - i. Hat Badge:
 - i. The regulation hat badge will be worn on the campaign hat.
 - j. Class B Duty Uniform Shirts:
 - i. The shirt will be a Blauer Patrol Duty Uniform shirt in regular or twill material or as approved by the Chief of Police. The shirts will be Dark Navy in color. Short sleeve and long sleeve shirts may be worn all year. A turtleneck or dickey, navy blue in color may be worn with the long sleeve shirt.
 - ii. Shirts issued after January 1, 2021 will have the Prairie Grove Police Department patch on the left side and the American flag patch on the right side
 - k. Tie:
 - i. The tie will be navy blue in color and be one that is pre-tied. The tie will only be worn with the long sleeve shirt and only when directed by the Chief of Police.
 - l. Class B Duty Uniform Pants:
 - i. Pants will be the Blauer Patrol Duty Uniform in regular or twill material, or as approved by the Chief of Police. Pants will be Dark Navy in color.
 - m. Leather Gear:
 - i. All leather uniform items will have the basket weave design. The Sam Browne belt will be a lined black basket weave design belt. The holster will be basket weave to match the belt. The belt may be worn with or without a buckle. Leather keepers may be worn. No emblems, pins, buttons or additional equipment not approved will be worn on the belt.
 - n. Pepper Spray Case:
 - i. May be either the open top or closed top case.
 - o. Handcuff Case:
 - i. The handcuff case will be basket weave to match the Sam Browne belts. The handcuff case may be either the double or single type.
 - p. Magazine Pouch / Cartridge Carrier:
 - i. Officers will carry a double magazine pouch or speed loaders or a cartridge carrier designed to hold twelve cartridges.
 - q. Other Leather Items:
 - i. Officers may wear a baton holder, latex glove holder, flash light holder, extra handcuff case, pager or phone case.
 - r. Nylon Duty Gear:
 - i. Officers will have the option of wearing nylon duty gear. The police's on leather gear set in sections m through q will also be applied to the nylon gear. No officer will be allowed to wear dirty,

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frayed or badly faded nylon gear. Just as with other uniform items, a neat, clean, professional appearance will be maintained.

s. Jackets:

- i. Jackets will be navy blue in color. The jacket will have the Prairie Grove Police Department patch sewn on the shoulders. A cloth badge will be sewn on the left chest. The material and style of the jacket must be approved by the Chief of Police.

t. Footwear:

- i. Officer's footwear will be black in color. Officers may wear military style boots either all leather or leather with nylon uppers. Boots may be high top or quarter top. Wellington type boots may also be worn. No cowboy style boots will be allowed. Leather lace up shoes may be worn. Leather uniform shoes with a small amount of nylon will be acceptable, with the approval of the Chief of Police. The soles of all footwear will have a black edge and all stitching will be black. All leather will be smooth with no ornamental design, straps or buckles.

u. Raincoat and Accessories:

- i. All raincoats will be green, yellow, orange, black, or navy in color with "POLICE" printed on the back. The raincoat may have a hood that may be worn instead of the hat during inclement weather. Raincoats may be full or jacket length. Officers may also wear rain pants which can be, green, yellow, orange, navy, or black in color. The rain pants will only be worn during inclement weather.

v. Class A Uniform:

- i. Class A will be long sleeved Blauer shirt, hat and tie. Class A will only be worn on special occasions, by order of the Chief of Police. Class A uniform material will be approved by the Chief of Police.

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w. Class C (soft) uniform:

- i. Class C uniform can be a 511 or other approved khaki pants and a dark navy-blue polo shirt with the officer's name and badge embroidered on the front of the shirt. No other colors will be worn other than khaki for the pants and dark navy-blue for the shirt. The Chief of Police will approve the wearing of Class C uniforms for special assignments, other job duties, and off-duty security events.

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ii. Outer Vest Carriers

Outer Vest carriers dark navy in color in the Blauer style may be worn if approved by the Chief of Police.

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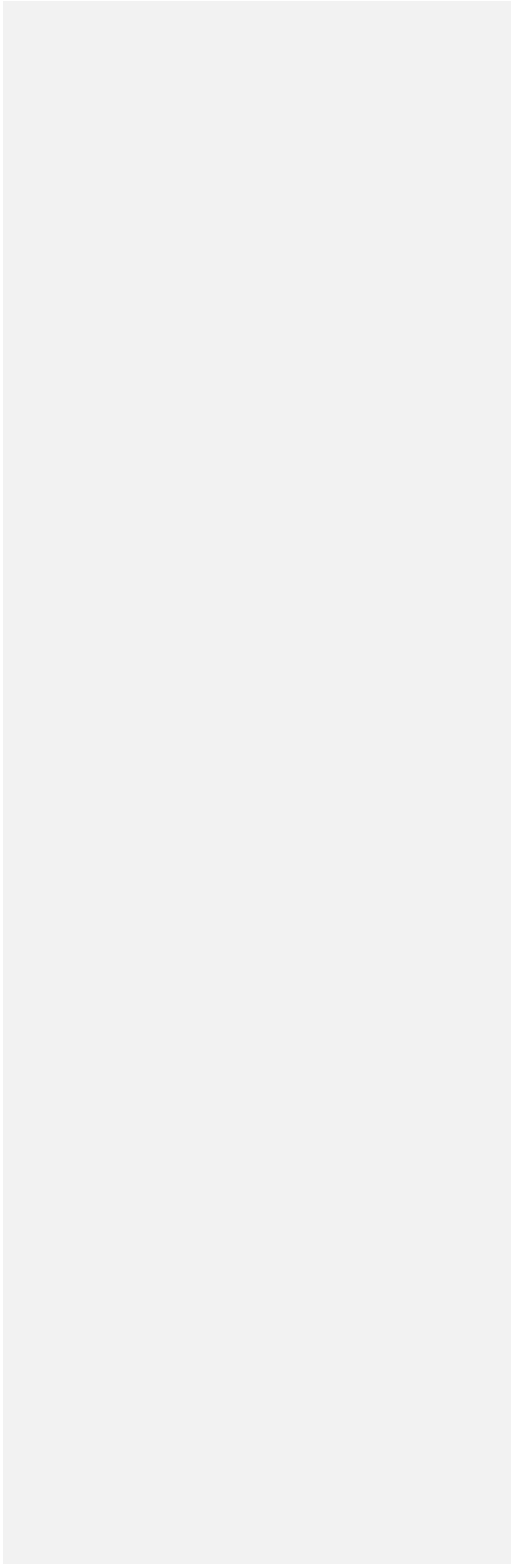
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Chris Workman
Chief of Police

January 22, 2024
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I have read and understand this procedure.



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