



Policy Revision Request

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This revision applies to Existing Policy 07-29-24

If new, recommended section _____

This revision is necessary to comply with Best Practices

Whom does this revision affect? Department

This revision has an unbudgeted financial impact of \$ 0

Brief reason for the revision:

The Star of Texas Award was established in 2003 under House Bill 1937 to honor and commemorate selected first responders who have been seriously injured or killed in the line of duty. It is awarded by the Governor of Texas. The award has since been expanded to include federal law enforcement officers and private citizens who assist first responders. The awards are presented annually in September by the Governor of Texas. To date, the Austin Police Department has had 29 officers receive the award. However, it is not yet recognized by APD policy. This policy update aims to enable awarded officers to don the award.

Document the changes or additions to the policy below. Please include the specific policy number. ~~Red strikethroughs~~ are used for deletions and blue underlined for text insertions. Please email completed forms to APDPolicy@austintexas.gov. Use this email for any related questions or issues for policy.

922 Awards and Commendations

922.5 EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Medals, ribbons, and authorized pins and medallions shall only be worn as specified in Department General Orders. Employees will not receive an award while under formal investigation for violating a departmental general order without the consent of the Chief.

(a) The following awards, citations, and/or ribbons are for all employees:

1. Medal of Valor
2. Distinguished Command Medal
- ~~2.~~3. Star of Texas
- ~~3.~~4. Purple Heart (and all that followed would be reordered)

922.5.2 DISTINGUISHED COMMAND MEDAL

922.5.3 STAR OF TEXAS

Conferred on the recipient by the office of the Governor of the State of Texas to honor Texas peace officers, firefighters, emergency medical first responders, and federal law enforcement officers who are seriously injured or killed in the line of duty. The award recognizes the profound commitments and sacrifices made by these individuals. Nominations for the award may be made through the Governor's Star of Texas webpage at: <https://gov.texas.gov/organization/cjd/star-of-texas> and they are generally open from mid-April to mid-June.

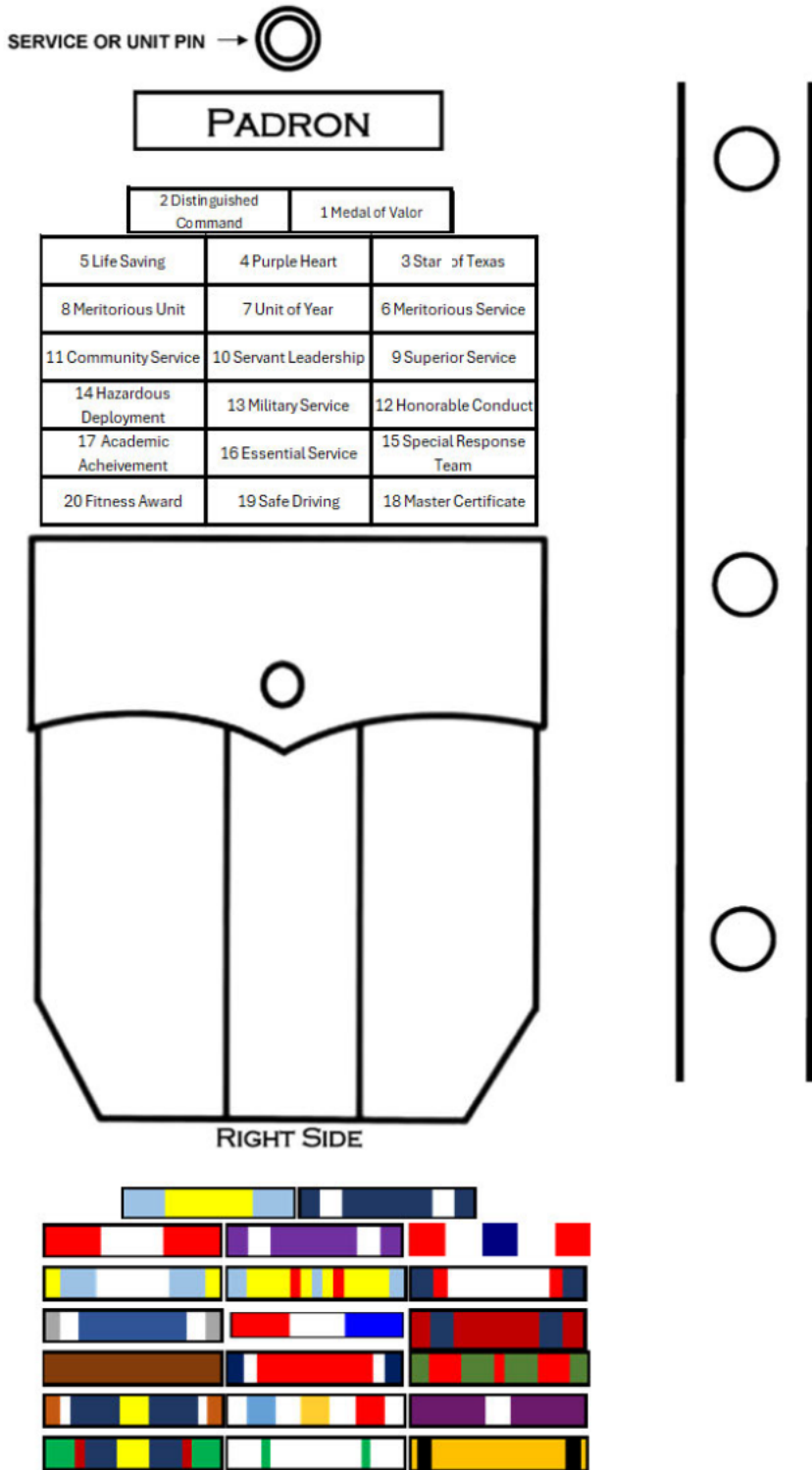
(a) Recipient will receive a medal, ribbon, and certificate in accordance with procedures set forth by the Governor's office.

(b) Presented by the Governor or the Governor's representative.

922.5.~~3~~4 PURPLE HEART (and all that followed would be reordered)

801.4.10 ORDER OF PRECEDENCE AND WEAR CHART

The name tag, award ribbons, and authorized service/unit pins will be worn in the following manner:



Star of Texas award will appear as above prior to 2019. Star of Texas award will appear as a solid purple ribbon from 2019 to present.