


STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Connecticut Police Academy

GENERAL NOTICE 20-14

To: Chief Law Enforcement Officers
Training Officers
Protective Services
Resident Troopers

From: Karen Boisvert 
Academy Administrator

Date: January 14, 2021

Subject: Model Policy regarding Police Badge and Name Tag Identification Requirement in accordance with Public Act, Special Session July, 2020, No. 20-01, Section 14 (House Bill No. 6004).

At the September 10th, 2020 regular meeting, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council adopted a Model Policy to assist Law Enforcement Units concerning the requirement to affix and prominently display the police badge and name tag identification on the outer-most garment of an officer's uniform pursuant to the Legislative July Special Session, Public Act No. 20-1 (House Bill No. 6004).

This attached guidance document will provide:

Section I: The Law- Section 14 of House Bill 6004
Section II: State of Connecticut Model Policy on Police Badge and Name Tag Identification Requirement

Questions or comments may be directed to my attention either by e-mail Karen.boisvert@ct.gov or phone 203-427-2601.

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Sec. 14 of HB 6004—Police Badge and Name Tag Identification Requirement

(a) Except as specified in the model policy adopted and promulgated pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, on and after January 1, 2021, any police officer, as defined in section 7-294a of the general statutes, who is authorized to make arrests or who is otherwise required to have daily interactions with members of the public, shall be required to affix and prominently display on the outer-most garment of such officer's uniform the badge and name tag that has been issued to such officer by the law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a of the general statutes, that employs such officer.

(b) Not later than December 31, 2020, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and the Police Officer Standards and Training Council shall jointly develop and promulgate a model policy to implement the provisions of subsection (a) of this section. Such model policy shall include, but not be limited to, the time, place and manner for ensuring compliance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section. Such model policy may include specified instances when compliance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not be required due to public safety-related considerations or other practical considerations, including, but not limited to, the sensitive nature of a police investigation or a police officer's involvement in an undercover assignment.

State of Connecticut Model Policy

- A. An on-duty, uniformed police officer in the State of Connecticut shall adorn:
 - 1. The official badge or facsimile of their agency, affixed prominently to the outer-most garment of their uniform and
 - 2. The official name plate/tag of their agency, affixed prominently to the outer-most garment of their uniform, including (at minimum) the police officer's last name.
- B. Any on-duty, plain clothes police officer in the State of Connecticut working an assignment during which he/she is interacting with the public and wearing an outer uniform garment, as defined by the officer's agency, shall adorn:
 - 1. The official badge or facsimile of their agency, displayed at a conspicuous position on the outer-most uniform garment, if applicable (e.g. raid jacket, outer vest carrier, etc.), and
 - 2. The official name plate/tag, including (at minimum) the police officer's last name, displayed at a conspicuous position on the outer-most uniform garment, if applicable;
 - 3. (An identification card of their agency, may be substituted if the card displays the name and official agency badge facsimile).
- C. An on-duty police officer in the State of Connecticut is not required to wear the above referenced badge and name tag if working an assignment during which the badge and identification requirements listed above would:
 - 1. Place that police officer and/or any other member of the public's personal safety in jeopardy or,
 - 2. Would compromise the integrity of a sensitive investigation shall be exempt from the badge and identification requirements for the duration of such conditions.