

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENDATION AWARDS

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to provide guidelines as to under what circumstances officers are eligible for award ribbons.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of this department that, when appropriate, officers should be recognized for their efforts which bring credit upon the officer and the department. Recognition of officers' actions, in this matter, has a longstanding history and tradition and is considered vital to officer morale.

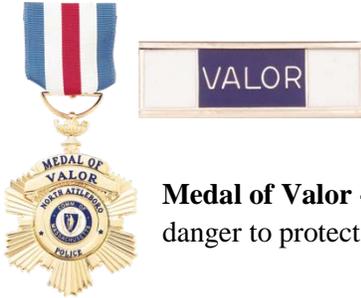
III. PROCEDURES

The awards depicted below are presented to police officers who have performed acts above and beyond the call of duty. Commendation bars will be awarded only by authorization of the Chief of Police. The time and place of awarding an officer is at the sole discretion of the Chief of Police.

ORDERED and EXECUTED this 25th day of MARCH, 2014

Christopher Workman
Chief of Police

Cheswold Police Department Awards



Medal of Valor - Distinguishing symbol of courage, and strength of mind, in the face of danger to protect life. (A8365 & J202-MV)



Medal of Honor - An outstanding act in the line of duty at imminent personal hazard of life, with full knowledge of the risk involved (A4118 & J202-MH).



Meritorious Award - highly unusual accomplishment under adverse conditions with some degree of hazard to life and limb to the nominee or where death or injury to a third party is prevented (J202-MC).



Chief's Award - Awarded for an act or achievement by a Chief of Police bringing public acclaim to the police profession through programs to further police efficiency or contribution to the welfare and advancement of the profession. (A6266)



Purple Heart - recognizes selflessness for enduring injury in the line of duty. (J202-PH)



Life Savers Award - an act performed in the line of duty, which through disregard of personal safety and prompt and alert action, results in saving a life (J202-LS).



Officer of the Year – this award is bestowed upon the office who by their actions as a police officer shows the time, effort and dedication to his/her craft along with showing concern for the residents and business owners in the Town. (A-1475)



Years of Service – this award signifies the number of years that the officer has served as a certified law enforcement officer in the State of Delaware – each star equals 5 years of service. (A7140-C)



Unit Citation - Awarded for participation of a member of an operating unit and/or the entire unit or departmental staff in a cited action (maximum of three stars per bar) (A7923)



FTO (Field Training Officer) – signifies that the officer has completed the required training to serve as a field training officer. (J203-FT)



USA – worn by all officers to honor all of the service men and women who fight freedoms, every police officer, firefighter and EMT and each and every person who has ever paid the ultimate price to ensure that we all safe each and every day, giving us to opportunity to live our lives the way we choose. (J201-USA)



Instructor – signifies that the officer is a certified instructor in any discipline (i.e Lidar Instructor, Taser Instructor, etc.) (J203-IN)



Combat Cross - An individual act of heroism at imminent personal hazard of life in combat with an armed adversary. (A2617 & A12227)