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1031.2 PROCEEDURE

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD Any member of the police department who has knowledge or information of an act of heroism, bravery, or meritorious conduct by another member of the department may make a recommendation for award. Recommendations for awards shall be in writing, specifying the type of act, the action taken, the results(s) of the action, and a recommendation for type of award to be presented. Recommendations shall be submitted to the respective division commander through the chain of command.

1031.3 AWARDS COMMITTEE

An awards Committee shall consist of:

One Sergeant or Lieutenant

Two Sergeants

One Corporal

One Police Officer

The lieutenant shall preside as chairman over the meeting. He/she shall be responsible for obtaining all pertinent facts surrounding the incident, including documentation such as police reports, photographs, memos, newspaper clippings, as well as names and, where possible, statements of all parties involved in/with the incident.

The Awards Committee shall make a formal recommendation to the Chief of Police who shall make the final decision whether an award is to be made and the type of award.

1031.4 DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS

MEDAL OF VALOR

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This is the highest honor the police department may bestow. Only members of the Azusa Police Department are eligible, or their family awarded posthumously.

This award requires an act of extraordinary bravery or heroism performed on or off duty which may or could have resulted in immediate peril or great bodily injury to oneself or others.

MERITORIOUS CONDUCT MEDAL

This is the second highest honor the police department may bestow on a member.

This award requires an act of outstanding merit which far exceeds the performance of duty normally expected. The act must exhibit a high degree of courage, initiative, and professionalism in a dangerous situation, but not meet the criteria for awarding the Medal of Valor.

EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

This is the third highest honor the police department may bestow on a member.

This award requires extraordinary commitment to the policing profession beyond the requirements of the normal work assignment. The member's performance must have demonstrated a relentless dedication to duty which contributed markedly to the mission of the Azusa Police Department while improving the quality of life for the residents of Azusa.

1031.5 DISPLAY OF MEDALS

The recipient of the Medal of Valor, Meritorious Conduct Medal or the Exceptional Achievement Medal will receive a medallion-type medal and display case. Additionally, a ribbon will be awarded which is worn with the uniform.