

## Display of Badges

### 215.1 POLICY

It is the policy of the Yolo County Probation Department that all deputized peace officers who have completed Penal Code section 832 training will wear and display their peace officer badges during on duty hours. With Supervisor approval, peace officers may conceal their badge or other identification while conducting authorized personal business on duty (e.g., lunch, break periods, travel to/from work) or when required to maintain anonymity or a low profile on duty.

### 215.2 ISSUANCE

All Departmental probation peace officers will receive a badge indicating their title within the Yolo County Probation Department, which shall be a display type badge, and also a belt clip badge to display from their belts. Detention Officers will only receive a belt clip badge to display from their belts. Badges shall be turned in to the immediate Supervisor upon an employee's resignation, termination or retirement from service. It is the Supervisor's and/or Manager's responsibility to forward recovered badges to the designee of the Chief Probation Officer.

### 215.3 METHOD OF DISPLAY

The other acceptable options are for the Probation Officer to obtain a pocket insert for the shirt or jacket and attach the badge to the pocket insert. Additionally, the badge may be on a chain or cord worn around the neck.

Probation Officers and Detention Officers are expected to display their badges at all times while on duty. The badge is to be displayed only during the work hours when the officer is on duty. Under no circumstances may any officer use or display his or her badge to influence the behavior of another apart from his/her designated duties, or when off-duty. "Flashing" a badge is forbidden and may result in disciplinary action.

### 215.4 REPORTING AND REPLACEMENT OF LOST/STOLEN BADGES

Immediately upon realizing that a badge is missing or stolen, the officer is to submit a written report to the Chief Probation Officer through the chain of command. The Chief Probation Officer or his/her designee will ensure that law enforcement is notified of the badge number that is missing and/or stolen, and will provide written instruction to retire the badge number and issue a new badge to the officer.

The Chief Probation Officer retains the right to waive provisions of the policy when he or she determines it is in the best interest of the Department.