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LSBPSE Executive Order No. 17-003

To
LSBPSE Licensed
Companies, QAs and
Instructors

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Re
Executive Order 17-003
Policy and Guidelines
on Badges and Patches

Purpose:

To re-establish awareness of and to expand the intent of existing policy with respect to the design of badges, patches and emblems.

In the past, star badges were considered unauthorized, in the absence of a formal policy; however, shields were not disqualified. Badge types are rather limited. A review of several state's policies and best practices in this regard has been used to develop the revised policy on this matter that is contained in this Executive Order.

The public confusion comes not from the shape of the badge as much as it derives from the use of official state insignia, particularly the seal of the State of Louisiana.



Existing Statute Policy:

§3290. Insignias; markings; clothing; restrictions

A.(1) With the exception of sworn peace officers in police uniform, no individual, while performing the duties of a security officer, shall wear or display any badge, insignia, device, shield, patch, or pattern which shall indicate or tend to indicate that he is a sworn peace officer, or which contains or includes the word "police", or the equivalent thereof, or is similar in wording to any law enforcement agency in this state.

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(2) A copy of such badges and insignias of the licensee shall be submitted for approval to the board at the time of filing for initial and renewable license application.

(3) Security officer uniforms shall be specifically described and a full length picture of said uniform shall be submitted to the board for approval.

NOTE: Nowhere in the statute does it denote the shape of any badge.

Policy Revision:

While this is the statutory language, the Board is implementing a policy to clarify the intent of this language to wit:

No badge, shield, patch or vehicle emblem shall bear the seal of the State of Louisiana or the word “police”. Badges, patches and emblem designs should be proprietary in nature, meaning a design, relating to the business that is outside the construct of official insignia used by Police, Fire, EMS, or any State regulatory agency, commission, board or other entity that is engaged in official Louisiana State Business.

No badge, shield, patch or vehicle emblem shall bear any symbol that purports to be associated or otherwise affiliated with the Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections, the State of Louisiana, the U.S. Federal Government, or any of its contingent agencies, this will exclude the use of any reasonable facsimile thereof.

Badges, shields and patches may be of any shape other than the “boot” shape of the State of Louisiana i.e., State Police, DPS Police, State Dept. of Corrections, State Attorney General’s Office or otherwise.



Failure to comply with this policy will result in immediate cease and desist of emblem use, an administrative suspension of the company license, and at least a \$500.00 fine until all unauthorized emblems are taken out of service.

NOTE: Any company that has been previously approved to use a design that conflicts with this new policy, is not subject to the provisions of this policy. Please notify the State Board if your business entity currently uses a badge or emblem that incorporates the State Seal, and we will note that in the company profile to avoid conflict or issues during subsequent inspections.

Any questions regarding this policy, as issued via this Executive Order, should be directed to Fabian P. Blache III at 225-272-2310 Ext. 8.

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