

BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT
Berlin, Maryland

SUBJECT: Rank Designation and Insignia		NO: 100 C-2
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- .10 Personnel of the Berlin Police Department are divided into two general classes.
- .20 The Berlin Police Department shall utilize the military rank structure in keeping with the duties and responsibilities of sworn personnel.
- A. Sworn Personnel consisting of officers vested with police authority.
- B. Non-Sworn Personnel performing other duties such as dispatchers, clerks etc.
- .30 The following rank structure shall be utilized by the sworn members of the Department:

POSITION	RANK	INSIGNIA
Chief of Police	Chief	Two Gold Stars
Division Commander	Lieutenant	Single Gold Bar
Shift/Unit Supervisor	Sergeant	Three Stripe Chevrons
Assistant Supervisor	Corporal	Two Stripe Chevrons
Officer	Senior Officer	One Chevron w/Rocker
Officer	Patrolman First Class	One Stripe Chevron
Officer/Detective	Patrolman	Maryland Seal Insignia

- .40 During the temporary absence of the Chief of Police, and when no other provision has been made, the command automatically devolves upon the senior ranking subordinate. Seniority is determined by rank, in cases of equal rank, by length of service in such rank. If length of service in rank is equal, the officer with the greatest length of service in the Department shall be in command unless designated.

- .50 In circumstances in which there are questions about how to handle a situation and a supervisor is not available and time does not permit for one to be consulted; the highest-ranking officer on scene is expected make that decision.