

#### IV. AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

##### A. Medal of Honor

1. Awarded to a member who intelligently, and in the line of police duty, gives his/her life. **Or**
2. Distinguishes himself/herself by the performance of an act of courage involving the risk of immediate danger to his/her life, while having knowledge of such risk, and whose actions are above and beyond the call of duty. Further, such act must be performed for the purpose of saving a life.

##### B. Police Combat Cross

Awarded to any member who, in the line of police duty, becomes engaged in a conflict with an armed adversary in an act of hostile intent. This conflict, involving a verifiable direct exchange of gunfire, must show that the member was in imminent personal danger and acted in an intelligent manner showing extraordinary heroism. Other instances of armed personal combat shall not be excluded but will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

##### C. Silver Star

Awarded for an act involving *grave* personal danger, in the intelligent performance of duty, for a highly credible and unusual police accomplishment.

For the purposes of this award, “grave” shall mean serious, critical or threatening circumstance.

##### D. Bronze Star

Awarded for an act involving personal danger in the intelligent performance of duty, or for a highly credible, unusual departmental accomplishment performed under adverse conditions.

##### E. Police Purple Heart

Awarded to any member who in the line of police duty, becomes wounded by any act of hostility that is likely to cause great bodily harm or death.

For the purposes of this award, a wound is defined as an injury sustained to any part of the body by an outside force or agent.

This award may be given in addition to any other honor resulting from

the same incident.

F. Meritorious Duty

Awarded to any member who distinguishes himself/herself meritoriously by taking appropriate action in an unusual or hazardous circumstance where the member is responsible for bringing the incident to a successful conclusion. There must be an element of risk involved.

G. Excellent Police Duty

1. Awarded to any member who, in the line of police duty, is responsible for an intelligent act, which materially contributes to a valuable police accomplishment; **Or**
2. Any member who performs a task in an exemplary manner, thereby displaying alertness, efficiency and dedication. Included in this subdivision will be any police investigation performed by any member of the department that is deemed extraordinary in nature and where he/she acted above the norm or scope of his/her position in the department; **Or**
3. Any member who intelligently and in the line of police duty distinguishes himself/herself by rendering medical first aid of a credible or distinguished nature to a person whose life is in immediate jeopardy and does so in such a manner that most certainly causes that person to arrive alive at a medical facility. To qualify for this section the nominee must obtain a professional medical opinion from a medical person present at the time of the incident. This written opinion must indicate that the medical aid rendered did in fact sustain the person's life until professional medical care was administered and that the person would likely have expired without said medical aid; **Or**
4. Any member who submits a device or method to increase efficiency in an administrative or tactical procedure and such submission is adopted by the Department.

H. Military Service Award

Awarded to any member who served actively and honorably in the Armed Forces, during an official Military Action.

I. Year of Service Pin

Awarded to any member of the City of Newburgh Police Department who has completed five or more years of continuous service with this department. All awards will be in five-year intervals.