Policy

Badges for sworn personnel and certain County positions may be purchased only as authorized by Administrative Code or the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Procedure

The Sheriff Dept. and the Fire Dept. are the only two departments authorized to purchase badges directly from the agreement vendor.

All other departments shall submit electronic requisition(s) to the Purchasing Agent for processing regardless of the value of the acquisition. Specific approval must be obtained from the CAO on all badge purchases and noted on the requisition prior to submission to the Purchasing Agent.

Qualifying Badge Categories

Badges may be purchased only for those persons falling into one of the following categories:

1. County officers and employees who are required to wear a uniform and whose duties include the enforcement of penal statutes and ordinances a substantial portion of the time, or Sheriff’s personnel as designated by the Sheriff and approved by the CAO.

2. County officers and employees who are peace officers pursuant to the provisions of Section 830 et. seq. of the California Penal Code.

3. County personnel holding the following positions:
   - Agricultural Inspector
   - Ambulance Driver
   - Ambulance Medical Technician
   - Animal Control Inspector
   - Building Inspector
   - County Counsel Investigator
   - Deputy District Attorney
   - Deputy Fish and Game Warden
   - Deputy Public Administrator/Guardian
   - Public Defender Investigator
   - Superior Court Clerk
   - Treasurer-Tax Collector Investigator
   - Warrant Investigator
   - Weights and Measures Inspector

4. Persons designated by the Director of Health Services and approved by the CAO who are assigned to perform public health investigations, environmental health work, hazardous materials management work, or radiation protection work as a member of an environmental health unit.
5. Persons who retire from a position described in Subsection A or B above.

**Special and Retirement Badges**

Special Badges or replacement of lost retired badges, must be approved by the CAO and must be paid for by the officer or individual making the request. Department shall submit a memo to the Purchasing Agent stating who will be purchasing the badge. The Purchasing Agent will advise the badge vendor that the sale of a badge to the stated officer or individual has been approved.

**Authority**

Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 5.64 (Badges)