



TATTOOS/BODY ART/BRANDS

- Tattoos/body art/brands shall not be offensive in nature and shall not be such that they indicate a cause in conflict with acceptable society standards or traditional police objectives and expectations. Tattoos/body art/brands that are obscene, sexually explicit or advocate or symbolize sex, gender, racial, religious, ethnic or national origin discrimination are prohibited. In addition, tattoos/body art/brands that advocate, gang affiliation, violence, drug use, political beliefs, political parties or represent any in a negative light are prohibited.
- No tattoos/body art/brands on the head, face, neck, hands or scalp shall be visible while wearing an open-collar summer uniform shirt, or below the cuffs of the sleeves of a winter uniform shirt. The only acceptable hand tattoo is a small wedding/commitment band on the traditional ring finger.
- Department members who wish to have a visible tattoo/body art/brands must submit a color scaled rendering of the tattoo with the placement location prior to obtaining the visible tattoo for approval by the Professional Standards Committee. The decision as to the appropriateness shall be made by the Professional Standards Committee with the final approval or disapproval by the Chief of Police or his/her designee.
- Pre-employment applicants who have visible tattoos/body art/brands when wearing an official BPD uniform shirt must be granted approval from the Professional Standards Committee before the hiring process continues.