



PUBLIC SAFETY CADETS PROFICIENCY AWARDS

The Public Safety Cadets Proficiency Awards structure serves as a means to recognize Cadets for achieving levels of success in training, service, specific accomplishments and experiences. These awards are designed to be worn on a Public Safety Cadet's uniform in accordance with his/her Unit uniform regulations. It is recognized that a number of PSC units transferred from or may hold dual affiliation with other youth programs and as such those Cadets may have earned similar proficiency/recognition awards while associated with those programs. Public Safety Cadets will follow that scheme, honor those previous proficiency awards and allow the wearing of them on the PSC Class A uniform.

Each proficiency award is represented by a police/military-style commendation ribbon bar that affixes to a metal holder. To the extent possible, ribbon bar colors and configurations have been designed to minimize duplication of agency or military/ROTC commendation bars. A Proficiency Award Certificate is available for each award.

Award Categories in order of precedence:



Lieutenant James E. Breining Scholarship Award

Presented to Law Enforcement Sector Public Safety Cadets selected competitively by the JEB Scholarship Foundation Board who have demonstrated

The recognition is a red and white ribbon bar with lamp of knowledge attachment.



William "Billy" Yout Excellence in Leadership Scholarship Award

Presented to a Law Enforcement Sector Public Safety Cadet attending the National Leadership Academy who best demonstrates outstanding leadership skills, initiative, creativity, dedication and future potential to become a visionary and dynamic leader.


The recognition is a green, white and red commendation ribbon bar with DEA badge attachment.



Military Police Regimental Association Scholarship Award

Presented to a Law Enforcement Sector Public Safety Cadet attending the National Leadership Academy who has distinguished themselves through demonstrated superlative leadership skills during the week-long event.

The recognition is a yellow and green ribbon bar with crossed flintlocks attachment.

 **Chief's/Sheriff's Award**

Presented to Cadets upon recommendation of the partnering head of agency as recognition for making an outstanding contribution to the Public Safety Cadets program and/or their community.

The recognition is a gold ribbon bar.

 **Outstanding Cadet**

Each Unit is encouraged to recognize one Cadet each year. This Cadet should be selected based on dependability, attitude, attendance, and contributions to the unit, department, and community. Outstanding Cadets are recognized for their exceptional performance and personal attributes.

The recognition is a blue ribbon bar.

 **Perfect Attendance**

Recognizes attendance at each scheduled Unit meeting or activity during the preceding year.

The recognition is a yellow and white ribbon bar.

 **National Leadership Academy**

Presented to Cadets who have been competitively selected for and completed a National Leadership Academy program certified by the PSC National Committee – Law Enforcement Sector.

The recognition is a black ribbon bar with torch attachment.

 **National Conference**

Presented to Cadets who attend a National Public Safety Cadets Conference.

The recognition is a dark green ribbon bar.

 **Unit, State or Regional Training Academy**

Presented to Cadets who attend a Unit, State, or Regional Training Academy consisting of at least forty-hours of consecutive training activities sanctioned by Public Safety Cadets and

The recognition is a multi-color: blue, yellow, gray, red ribbon bar.



Community Service

May be awarded upon the accumulation of 100 hours of community service, including crowd or traffic control, parking service, community events support, etc. Service must be preapproved and logged by the Unit Mentor.

The recognition is a blue and yellow ribbon bar.



Law Enforcement Service

May be awarded upon the accumulation of 100 hours of service. Includes assistance to the partnering agency in areas such as records management, communications support, property control/inventory, facility tours, etc.

Fire and Emergency Service

Includes assistance to the agency in areas such as records, communications, data processing, etc. It recognizes an accumulation of 60 hours of service.

The recognition is a red and gold ribbon bar.



Crime Prevention (Law Enforcement)

May be awarded upon completion of the basic 8 hours of crime prevention instruction as well as an additional 8 hours of training in areas such as neighborhood watch, home security survey, and bicycle registration. The award is presented to Cadets who participate in at least three departmental crime prevention projects with a total of 25 hours of activity.

The recognition is a green and gold ribbon bar.

Fire Prevention (Fire/Emergency Services)

Includes 8 hours of fire prevention instruction as well as additional hours of training in areas such as fire safety survey. The award is presented to Cadets who participate in at least three departmental fire prevention projects with a total of 25 hours of activity.

The recognition is a green and gold ribbon bar.



Drug Abuse Prevention

Acknowledges proficiency in drug abuse prevention training and service. Requires 6 hours of advanced training outlined in Drug Abuse Prevention for Teens (50 hours of service for Law Enforcement. 30 hours of service for Fire/Emergency Services) in at least two different drug abuse prevention projects.

The recognition is a blue and silver ribbon bar.



Emergency Preparedness

May be awarded upon successful completion of training in advanced first aid and CPR; how the Unit would assist in a disaster, such as flood, tornado, hurricane, etc.; and has participated in at least one civil defense or community-wide disaster training exercise.

This recognition is a red and white ribbon bar.



Law Enforcement and Fire/Emergency Services Training

May be awarded upon the accumulation of 60 hours of training as specified in the PSC Standard Operating Procedures, Section 2.2 Career Orientation Training.

This recognition is a red and blue ribbon bar.



Physical Fitness

The award consists of two (2) phases: Physical assessment and Cognitive assessment.

The recognition is a multi-color ribbon bar.



Tenure

Awarded to those Cadets who complete one year of satisfactory service in the Unit.

A silver star device may be awarded for each additional year of satisfactory service. A gold star device may be awarded for a total of five years of satisfactory service.

The recognition is a red ribbon bar.



Firearms Safety Training (Law Enforcement Sector)

Recognizes completion of 8 hours of firearms safety training and demonstration of safe and proper handling of firearms in accordance with the guidelines stated in the PSC/SOP for Law Enforcement Sector Firearms Certification Program.

This recognition is the PSC Marksmanship bar. Available for Marksman-Bronze, Sharpshooter-Silver, Expert-Gold and Distinguished achievement.



Competitive Marksmanship Distinction (Law Enforcement Sector)

Awarded for demonstrating safe and proper handling of firearms while placing First, Second or Third in a competitive marksmanship event. This recognition comes in Gold, Silver and Bronze for achieving First, Second or Third Place in individual or team events.

A silver star device may be awarded for each additional award in each category. A gold star device may be awarded to reflect five awards in the same category.

Distribution and Ordering

The proficiency award ribbon bars, metal holders, and certificates are available through Public Safety Cadets National Office and may be ordered by Unit Mentors via email to info@PublicSafetyCadets.org. The Unit Mentor must certify that a Cadet has met all criteria for a proficiency award before it can be presented and the ribbon bar is displayed on his/her uniform.