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SUBJECT: Interim Wear Guidance for U.S. Border Patrol Authorized Devices

U.S. Border Patrol Authorized Devices recognize and identify employees who have attained qualifications and specific skills in specialized fields. Effective immediately, authorized devices will be divided into two categories: Qualification Devices and Specialty Devices.

Qualification Devices are those insignia which identify that the wearer has qualified to wear the device and is active in the specialty. Furthermore, Qualification Devices convey expectations and advertises that the wearer possesses skills that may only be exercised while in an active status. Therefore, an employee may wear Qualification Devices only while they are active members with the governing program.

Specialty Devices are those insignia that recognize that an employee has met the established criteria to be awarded the device. Once awarded, employees may wear Specialty Devices for the remainder of their career, as long as they remain in good standing with the Headquarters managing division.

U.S. Border Patrol Authorized Devices	
Qualification Devices	Specialty Devices
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chaplain</li><li>• Emergency Medical Technician and similar devices</li><li>• Field Training Officer</li><li>• National Border Patrol Council Representative</li><li>• Peer Support</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Border Patrol Tactical Unit</li><li>• Border Patrol Search, Trauma and Rescue Unit</li><li>• Canine Handler</li><li>• U.S. Customs and Border Protection Marine Program devices</li><li>• Honor Guard</li><li>• Horse Patrol</li></ul>

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