

New Hampshire Fire Service
Committee of Merit
Awards Protocols

This is the Committee of Merits protocols on the wearing of State of New Hampshire Committee of Merit awards, Federal/Government awards, City/Town awards, other State awards and Foreign Countries awards on a New Hampshire Fire Service "Class 'A' uniform".

This is a recommendation on how enamel/cloth award bars should be displayed on a New Hampshire Fire Service Class 'A' uniform. As always refer to your Departments protocols, this is only a recommendation from the Committee of Merit.

The following is the order of precedence for wearing awards that includes the following Fire Service related awards:

- Federal/Military Fire Service related decoration/awards.**
- State of New Hampshire Committee of Merit decoration/awards.**
- An individuals New Hampshire Fire Department decoration/awards.**
- Other State Fire Service related decoration/awards.**
- Foreign Countries Fire Service related decoration/awards.**

Enamel/cloth Bars will be worn on the upper right breast area of the Class 'A' uniform blouse. There should only be three (3) enamel/cloth bars worn in a row. The enamel/cloth bars will be worn from the least to the highest starting from the right to the left of the person wearing the award bars. (The highest enamel/cloth award bar is worn closet to the lapel).

The following is the order of precedence for wearing the State of New Hampshire, Committee of Merit enamel award bars:

- Paul W. Sypek Medal of Valor**
- Class 1 Medal**
- Class 2 Medal**
- Class 3 Medal**
- Unit Citation**
- Telecommunication Medal**
- Meritorious Service Medal**
- Aubrey G. Robinson Medal**
- New Hampshire Fire Service Long Service Bars**

The State of New Hampshire Committee of Merit highest award, the Paul W. Sypek Medal of Valor enamel bar is the ONLY bar that is worn above all other New Hampshire, Committee of Merit Fire Service bars.

Below is an example of how the enamel/cloth bars would be worn on the upper right breast area of a New Hampshire Fire Service Class 'A' blouse.

- Federal/Government Fire Service related bar/s**
- Paul W. Sypek Bar**
- Class 2 Bar | Class 1 Bar**
- Telecommunication Bar | Unit Citation Bar | Class 3 Bar**
- Long Service Bar | Aubrey Robinson Bar | Meritorious Bar**
- Individuals New Hampshire Department bar/s**
- Other State Fire Service related bar/s**
- Foreign Country Fire Service related bar/s**