



# SPECIAL ORDER

## SPECIAL ORDER 2015.18

### Uniform Change: Collar Pins

#### BUREAU OF LOGISTICS

Issue Date: April 9, 2015

Expiration Date:

#### 1 OVERVIEW

2 The Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue (Department) is an organization with a rich  
3 and storied history. As closed collar pins were a key component of the original uniform, their  
4 reinstatement will allow the Department to recognize the past as we move toward the future.

#### 5 DEFINITIONS

6 ➤ **Closed Collar Pins** - typically a 1" red enamel disc with contrasting silver or gold inserts  
7 that denote rank or activity.

#### 8 TOPIC DETAILS

- 9 • Personnel were recently polled and overwhelmingly in favor of a change from open to  
10 closed collar pins, and willing to contribute to a collection of serviceable closed collar  
11 pins to begin today, April 9, 2015. As not to significantly impact departmental cost,  
12 personnel may turn in their closed collar pins for any previously held rank to the Supply  
13 Unit to be re-distributed.
- 14 • Personnel shall acquire pins as needed through the supply unit prior to April 17, 2015.
- 15 • Effective 0700 hours on Monday, April 27, 2015, all uniformed Department personnel  
16 shall prominently display closed collar pins on applicable uniform shirts in accordance  
17 with GO 530.01: Uniforms.
- 18 • This is a permanent change. Open collar pins will no longer be acceptable for uniform  
19 display after 0700 hours on April 27, 2015.



21 Open Collar Pin      22 Closed Collar Pin

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