Service Bars, Reefers and Overcoats

The Question

Are Service Tenure Insignias (aka "Service Bars") worn on the Reefer or the Overcoat?

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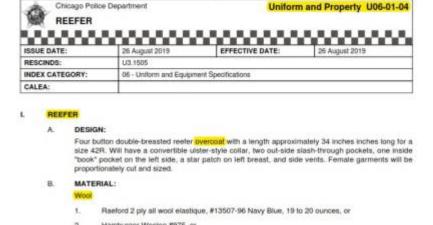
No. Service Tenure Insignias are NOT worn on the Reefer or the Overcoat.

Uniform And Property U04-01, XII-H-2 (Uniform And Appearance Standards), states that ... "Upon completion of the below-listed periods of service, uniformed members are required to wear service bar(s) and/or star(s) on uniform outer garments with the exception of shirts, rainwear, leather jackets, wool overcoats, fleece jackets, quarterzip pullover, and sweaters authorized as an outer garment."

There are **two types of wool overcoats**, according to Uniform And Property U04-01-03 (Uniform Classifications) which lists the Reefer under the subheading of "Coat, 100% Wool" as an clothing item for Class A Uniforms. This should not be confused with another wool overcoat called the "Overcoat" (capital "O"), which is for lieutenants and above.



A **Reefer is made out of wool and is an overcoat**, according to Uniform and Property U06-01-04 (Reefer). "Four button double-breasted reefer overcoat . . ."



Metcalf Brothers and Company wool elastique, #1470-28, 11128 Brawny Blue, 28 ounces

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A side note, a Reefer is NOT a Blouse.

A Blouse is a single-breasted coat you would typically wear for graduation and award ceremonies.

A Reefer is a double-breasted overcoat that will be heavier than a Blouse.

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