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## **Checkerboard Cap Band**

## Reference

- U04-01 [Effective Date: 11 March 2020]
  - Removable checkerboard cap band will be worn from 1 November through 30 April.
- Indiana Law Enforcement Memorial
- Wikipedia: Sillitoe tartan

## **Articles**

- History of the "Checkered Band" of the Chicago Police Department 1)
  - The "checkered band" on hats worn by Chicago Police Department officers was introduced in May 1967 by Superintendent O.W. Wilson. The design was based on the three-layer "Sillitoe Tartan" first used in 1932 by the Glasgow Police Department in Scotland and named after Chief Constable Percy J. Sillitoe.

Supt. Wilson chose to use a two-layer pattern, with white and dark blue for police officers, and yellow and dark blue for supervisors. Security guards in Chicago were prohibited from using this hat design as a means to immediately distinguish city police officers from private security guards.

Only a few departments in the United States wear a checkered band on their uniform hats, including the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department as well as a few Chicago suburban agencies and the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police in Pennsylvania, who wear the three-layer version.

"History of the 'Checkered Band' of the Chicago Police Department." Indiana Law Enforcement Memorial. Indiana Law Enforcement Memorial, November 27, 2018. https://inlem.org/blog/checkered-band.

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