

Vintage Rhode Island Sheriff Insignia

Prior to July of 2011 Rhode Island had five separate county sheriff departments; Bristol County, Kent County, Newport County, Providence County, and Washington County. All were merged in 2011 to become the Rhode Island Division of Sheriffs under the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety.

The following fifteen pages show a progression of insignia worn by Rhode Island sheriffs over the years. The emblems range in date from the 1960s to 2011.



An early generic insignia made of black felt.
Unknown dates when worn, probably 1950s.

A Progression of Bristol County Sheriff Department Insignia





A Progression of Kent County Sheriff Department Insignia









5 Point Star



7 Point Star

A Progression of Newport County Sheriff insignia



Worn above the uniform patch.





Newport County in Star



State of Rhode Island in Star

A Progression of Providence County Sheriff insignia



Despite the manufacturing error,
This patch was worn.



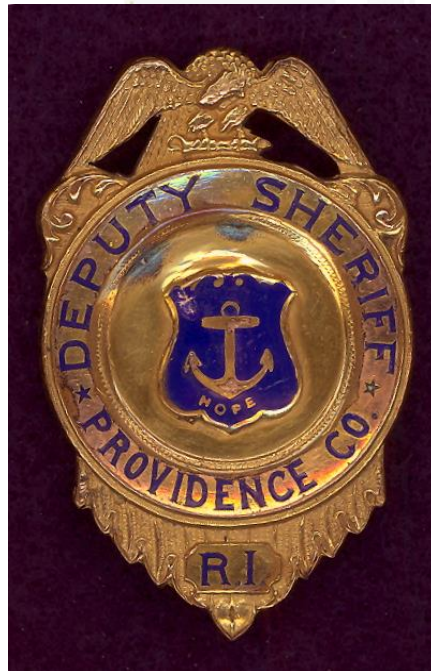
Black Background Version





Worn on baseball caps.





Early Badge
Circa 1890s – 1910

Tactical Unit Patches worn pre-2011



Worn 1960s – 1970s



Worn 1980s – 1990s

Modern Rhode Island Sheriff Insignia



Blue background



Black background