

**Badges
of the
Superior Police Department**

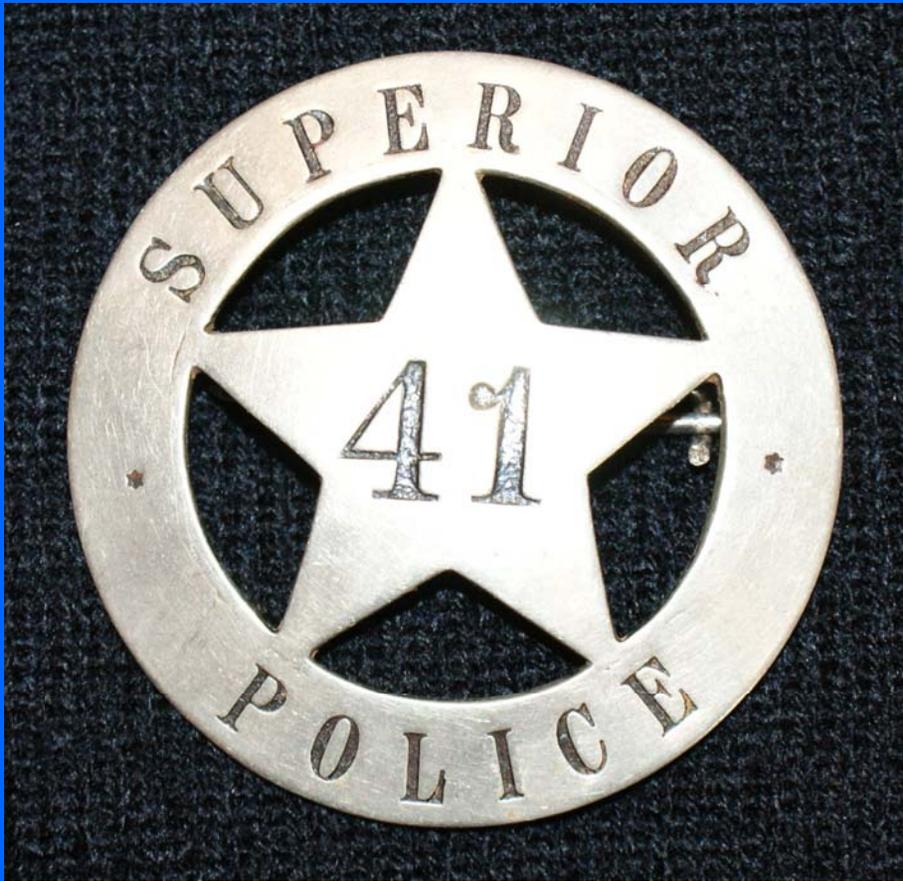


A brief history....

- Superior Police Department first organized 1884 (city Incorporated in 1889).
- Six-point star “pie plate” first issued badge of the Department.
- Worn from ~1884 until turn of the 20th Century.



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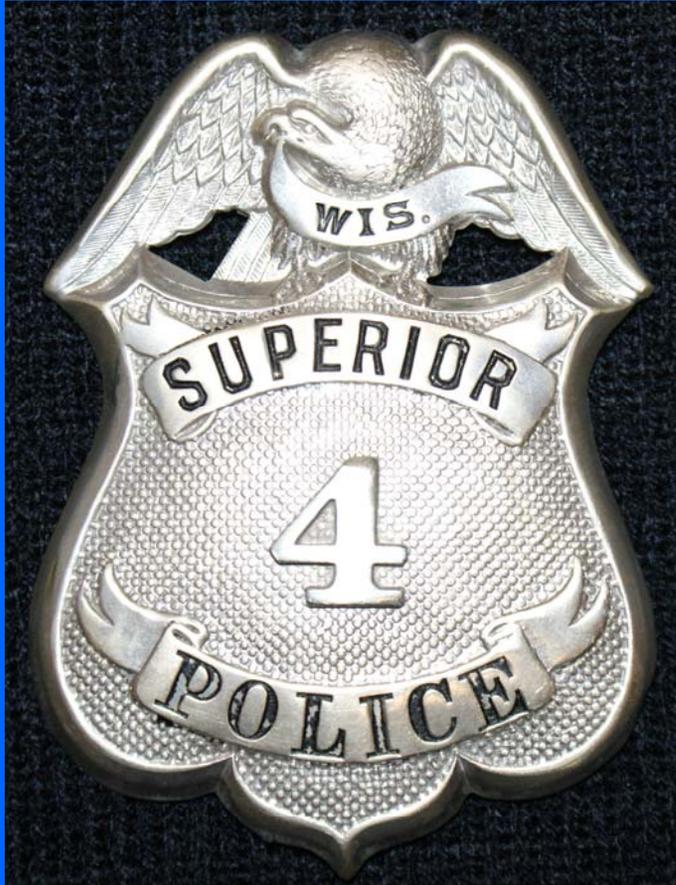
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- “Circle star” badge.
- Issued circa 1900.
- Worn until ~1920s.



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- First Eagle-topped badge.
- Officer badges numbered with brass numbers.
- Worn 1920s-1940s.

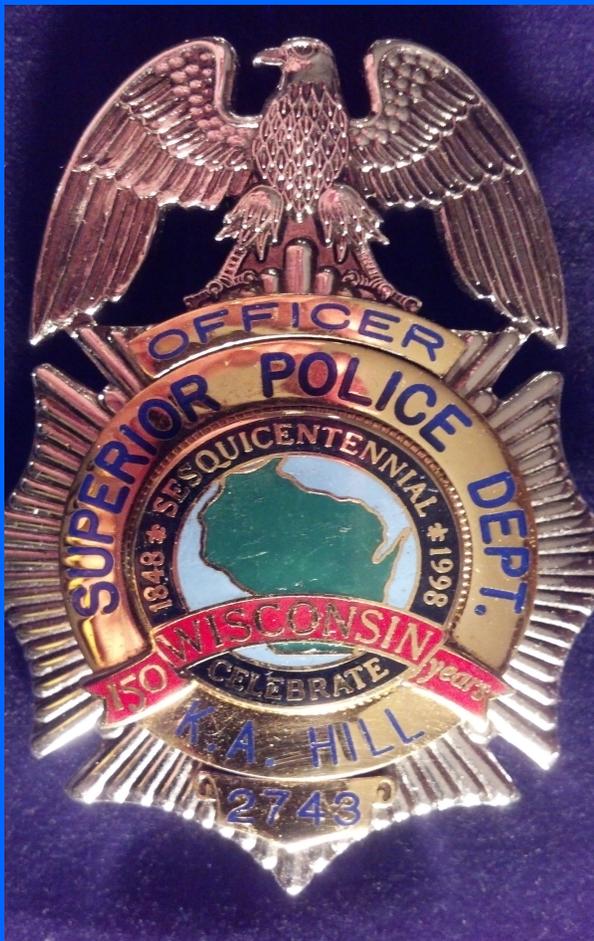


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- 2nd version of the Eagle-topped badge. Began being worn circa 1940s.
- Lettering blackened, "WIS" added to scroll, badge numbers silver and background more detailed.
- Badge worn 1940s-1969.



- More “modern” style Eagle topped badge.
- Standard die-cut badge (similar to those of other agencies, e.g. WSP).
- State of Wisconsin seal in center.
- Introduced to Department in 1969.
- Worn until January 1, 2009.



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- Eagle-topped Sesquicentennial badge.
- In honor of Wisconsin's Sesquicentennial.
- Worn in 1998.

For the last decade or so a committed number of officers have lobbied for a new badge.

As a result, with the blessing of Chief Peters, and enabled via a partnership with the Police Officers Union.....

New Badge



Modern design....yet acknowledges the history of Superior.

Badge Committee

Sergeant John Kiel

Detective Kirk Hill

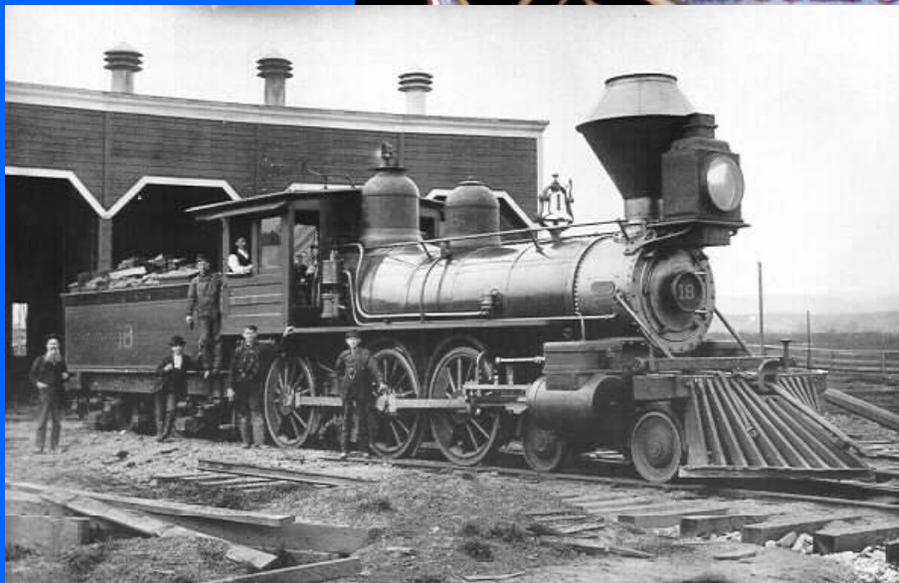
Officer Gary Gothner

Officer Brad Esler

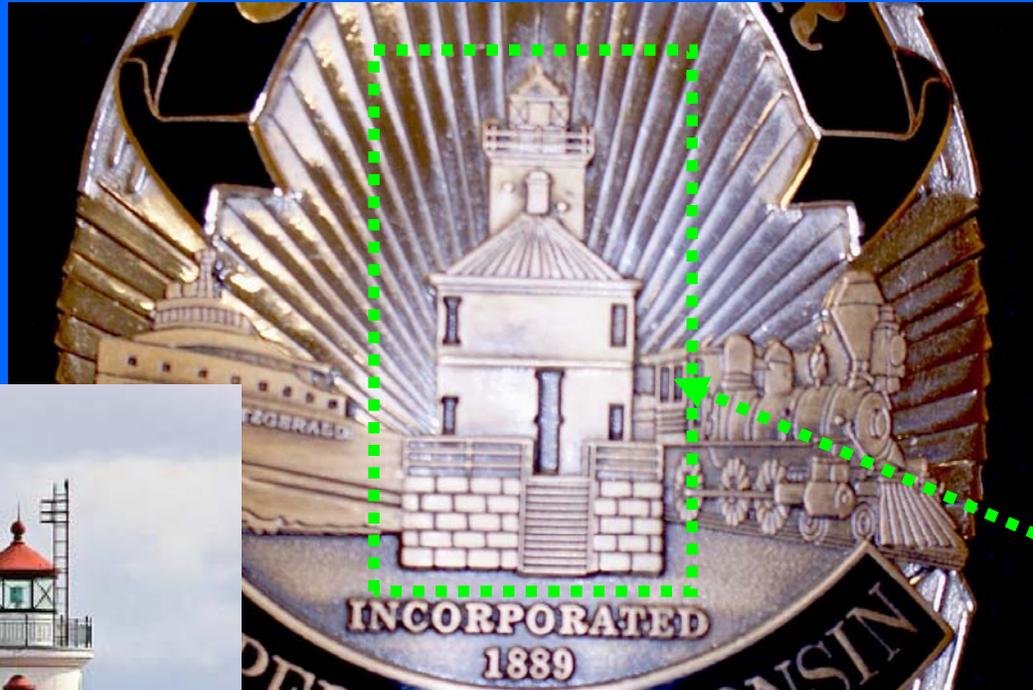
Captain Chad La Lor



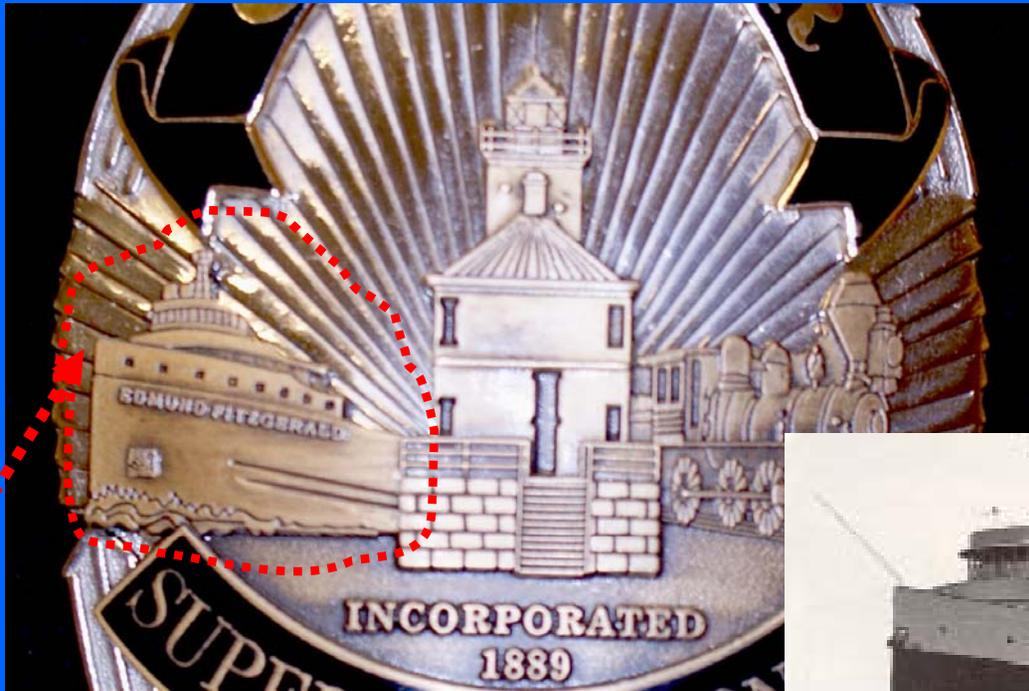
Acknowledging 1889
as the Incorporation
date of Superior



Acknowledging Superior's rich history with trains and the rail industry, a train built in 1889, same year as Superior's Incorporation.



Superior's lighthouse located at the end of the pier of the Superior entrance to the Superior bay.



Ship, signifying two things

- Historical significance of shipping to Superior.
- Ship taken from a photograph of the Edmund Fitzgerald, that left Superior as it's last port of call prior to sinking on November 10, 1975.



Badge # = squad #

