10851 Awards Program Summary

Three Types of Awards

There are three types of 10851 awards. They are as follows:

1. **White Pins**, given for the 1st through 4th awards only.
2. **Blue Pins**, Master Level Awards, given for the 5th, 10th, 15th, and 20th awards only.
3. **Gold Pin**, Lifetime Achievement Award, given for the 25th qualification.

The white and blue pins are fitted with a ribbon denoting the number of times an employee has earned that specific level award. The gold pin is fitted with a ribbon containing a jewel, and is a “one time” award. No pin is given for the 6th-9th, 11th-14th, 16th-19th, and 21st-24th award.

Award Criteria

An officer or sergeant (singular*) assigned to patrol who, during a 12 month period, meets any of the following criteria will qualify for a 10851 award. To qualify, the officer must:

1. Make six (6) separate incident rolling stolen in-custody arrests, or
2. Recover a total of 12 stolen vehicles of which a minimum of three must be rolling, or
3. Develop information resulting in the identification of a vehicle theft ring, subsequent arrest of two or more suspects, and the recovery of at least ten vehicles.

* Please note, regarding two officer units: Two officers may not claim the same arrest and/or vehicle recovery. The arresting or recovering officer, not the arresting unit, may claim the stat.

The officer or sergeant who fulfills any of the above criteria shall submit for verification a memorandum to their command requesting the award. The memorandum shall include the name, date, and booking number of each arrest/recovery. Once verified, a letter, signed by the Area Commander, shall be sent to the CHP, Southern Division Investigative Services Unit, 10851 Awards Coordinator. The contents of the letter should state that the Commander has verified the information submitted by the officer, and that the requirements to receive the 10851 Award have been met. Include the memorandum submitted by the officer with the Commanders letter. A copy of the memorandum and Commanders letter should be placed in the officer’s personnel folder for future reference.

10851 Award Presentations must be scheduled with a minimum advance notice of 30 days. Commands requesting a specific presentation date should first contact the 10851 Awards Coordinator to verify the availability of the date and time. For this, and any additional information, please contact the 10851 Awards Coordinator, for your County.
Border Division (858) 650-3620
Central Division (559) 277-7250
Coastal Division (805) 546-3261
Golden Gate Division (510) 622-4609
Inland Division (909) 806-2459
Northern Division (530) 242-4300
Southern Division (323) 644-9550
Valley Division (916) 731-6412