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By Peggy Kiefer

Local award designer and manufacturer David Moritz of Society Awards has designed new badges for the Grove Police Department.

Moritz wanted to give the high-quality badges to honor his father, Rudy, a retired police officer, and to give back to the community.

David Moritz, CEO of Society Awards, and his partner and Chief Financial Officer Aaron Bearce, presented Grove Police Department's Deputy Chief Dan Hinman with a new badge on Dec. 3.

Chief Morris was also given a new badge, of solid brass and made in the United States, earlier this summer.

Moritz and Bearce both came from New York to the

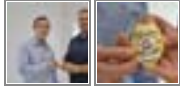
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Aaron Bearce, CFO of Society Awards, presents Deputy Chief Dan Hinman of the Grove Police Department with a new badge.



Grove facility to present the badge to Hinman.

Stamped with the Society Awards logo, the high-quality badge includes details such as 24-karat gold electroplating.

Society Awards designs and manufactures high-end custom awards and recognition products from the Golden Globes to the MTV Movie Awards. Many of these famous trophies are at times housed in the Grove facility.

Their warehouse and distribution center in Grove houses trophies and awards made at other locations. Some of the awards also receive engraving and finishing touches in Grove.

Although Police Chief Mark Morris has already received a badge from Society Awards, Moritz said his was a sample. "We made the first one for the chief and then figured out a way to make it an even higher quality, a little thicker, more solid and adding our logo. The second sample is the deputy chief's badge, and now we are going to make the chief's badge a new one and everyone else will get a new one," he said.

It will take a few weeks to make the rest of the badges, about 30, for Chief Morris and the department, Moritz said.

The process of designing the badge to meet the higher quality Moritz was looking for took several weeks he said. It was a long process. "In a few weeks we will have full production of the others. We've been working on it for months," he said. They put all their efforts into the project because they wanted to develop top-of-the-line badges.



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