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**§ 50301. Definitions**

In this chapter:

**(1) Federal agency head**

The term “Federal agency head” means the head of any executive, legislative, or judicial branch Government entity that employs Federal law enforcement officers.

**(2) Federal Board**

The term “Federal Board” means the Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board established under section 50313(a) of this title.

**(3) Federal Board members**

The term “Federal Board members” means the members of the Federal Board appointed under section 50313(c) of this title.

**(4) Federal Law Enforcement Badge**

The term “Federal Law Enforcement Badge” means the Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery described in section 50311 of this title.

**(5) Federal law enforcement officer**

The term “Federal law enforcement officer”—

- (A) means a Federal employee—
- (i) who has statutory authority to make arrests or apprehensions;
  - (ii) who is authorized by the agency of the employee to carry firearms; and
  - (iii) whose duties are primarily—
    - (I) engagement in or supervision of the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law; or
    - (II) the protection of Federal, State, local, or foreign government officials against threats to personal safety; and
- (B) includes a law enforcement officer employed by the Amtrak Police Department or Federal Reserve.

**(6) Office**

The term “Office” means the Congressional Badge of Bravery Office established under section 50331(a) of this title.

**(7) State and Local Board**

The term “State and Local Board” means the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board established under section 50323(a) of this title.

**(8) State and Local Board members**

The term “State and Local Board members” means the members of the State and Local Board appointed under section 50323(c) of this title.

**(9) State and Local Law Enforcement Badge**

The term “State and Local Law Enforcement Badge” means the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery described in section 50321 of this title.

**(10) State or local agency head**

The term “State or local agency head” means the head of any executive, legislative, or judicial branch entity of a State or local government that employs State or local law enforcement officers.

**(11) State or local law enforcement officer**

The term “State or local law enforcement officer” means an employee of a State or local government—

- (A) who has statutory authority to make arrests or apprehensions;
- (B) who is authorized by the agency of the employee to carry firearms; and
- (C) whose duties are primarily—
  - (i) engagement in or supervision of the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law; or
  - (ii) the protection of Federal, State, local, or foreign government officials against threats to personal safety.

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**Editorial Notes**

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**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

SHORT TITLE

For short title of Pub. L. 110-298, which is classified to this chapter, as the “Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008”, see section 1 of Pub. L. 110-298, set out as a Short Title of 2008 Act note under section 10101 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER I—FEDERAL LAW ENFORCE-  
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**§ 50311. Authorization of a Badge**

The Attorney General may award, and a Member of Congress or the Attorney General may present, in the name of Congress a Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery to a Federal law enforcement officer who is cited by the Attorney General, upon the recommendation of the Federal Board, for performing an act of bravery while in the line of duty.