What is Battle of the Badges?
Battle of the Badges is an amateur boxing show featuring our local law enforcement (Blue Team) vs. fire fighters (Red Team) from the Austin Area. USA Boxing sanctions and judges all events.

Who benefits from this event?
Proceeds will be split up between the Partnerships for Children, a local non-profit that provides Child Protective Services’ caseworkers with the resources that they need to better serve kids in our community. Partnerships for Children was incorporated in 2003 and work through two core programs: the Rainbow Room and Holiday Wishes. Find out more at @www.partnershipsforchildren.org

When / Where is The Battle of the Badges 2016?
The Austin Convention Center
January 22, 2016
6:00pm

How do I apply and what are the requirements leading up to the event?
The application process will open June 2015 and close on August 21, 2015. All applications MUST be received by MIDNIGHT on 08/21/2015. Boxers must turn applications into The Fit Pit in person to qualify. Boxers will be selected by the Team Coaches and the Team Captains by early October 2015.

Boxers must register with USA Boxing in order to spar in a USA Boxing gym (during 2015) and must register again in December 2015 or January 2016 in order to compete in BOTB. BOTB will help you with this process by hosting a one-stop-shop for registration, fight pictures, smack talk video and uniform pick up as we approach the event date (Fall 2015). Additionally, you will be required to pay the required $65 for USA Boxing registration (in 2015 AND 2016). Only boxers selected for the event will be reimbursed for this fee. Reimbursement will be the day prior to the event, Jan 21, 2016.

All boxers will be given a physical the day of the event during weigh in. If you fall into the 41+ category you must have a full physical by your doctor prior to the event to clear you to box. Additionally, if you have braces you must complete the respective medical form. All females are also required to complete the Women’s Medical Release.

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Match Making Requirements:
The Battle of the Badges Coaches and Team Captains will match 15 bouts based on age and weight and an additional 3 alternative bouts. There will ultimately be 15 OR 17 bouts depending on how many matches make as we approach the date. Open category includes all boxers 19–40 yrs old. Masters category includes all boxers 41+. Boxers will only fight within their respective category and gender.

Training Requirements:
The Official Battle of the Badges Gym
· Gym: The Fit Pit
· Phone: 512.804.2766
· Email: boxingcoachart@yahoo.com
· Website: www.fitpitaustin.com
· Location: 2401 Thornton Road, Austin, TX 78704

How am I Going to Be Judged?
Bouts are judged by three ringside certified USA Boxing Officials. Three 1-minute rounds with a 1-minute break between rounds. Each judge will independently score the merits of the two boxers using the scoring system based on the following criteria which are weighed equally:

- Number of quality blows on target area
- Domination of a bout
- Competitiveness
- Technique and Tactics Superiority
- Non infringement of the rules

After each round, the judge must apply the following criteria to the score:
- Score a round 10 to 9 if it is a close round
- Score a round 10 to 8 if there is a clear winner
- Score a round 10 to 7 if there is total dominance
- Score a round 10 to 6 if one boxer is obviously overmatched

If you are losing the round but manage to score a knock down this is where the scoring is different. In a professional bout this would be a 10 to 8. Under this scoring system you may not win the round if you were being out boxed during the majority of the round. The judges take the total performance into consideration.

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What Equipment will I need?
- Hand wraps (these will be provided on the day of the event)
- Protective Cups
- Breast Plates (for ladies)
- Mouth Piece (must NOT be red)
- Clear Water bottle for the event

Battle of the Badges will provide the following equipment to boxers selected to box in the event:
- Headgear (day of the event only)
- Gloves (day of the event only)
- Boxing Shoes (4–6 weeks prior to the event)
- Boxing Uniform (tank and shorts)

What about Safety?
Injury prevention is paramount and accomplished by proper training, use of proper equipment, qualified referees and boxing physicians.