

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES
(BODY ARMOR)

PURPOSE:

These Standard Operating Guidelines have been developed to assist members in the proper wear of body armor (vests).

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

Vests are available for daily issue from the Shift Commander. Personnel who have department issued body armor are to wear it on the following calls:


1. ASSAULTS
2. STAB/GUNSHOT WOUNDS
3. CIVIL DISTURBANCES
4. AT THE OFFICER'S DISCRETION

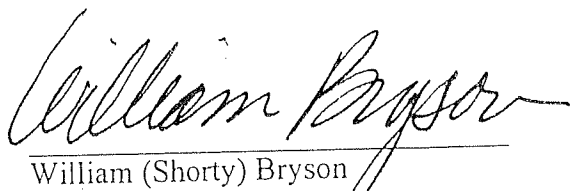
Personnel wearing department issued body armor shall wear it over their clothing (for hygienic reasons). Members are reminded that part of the protection against attack or serious injury includes the concealment of the body armor so that the attacker will not purposely aim at or attack an unprotected part of the body. This means that the armor should be concealed whenever possible by wearing over a jumpsuit (same color), or covered by a Fire Department Bunker Coat or windbreaker.

Caution shall continue to be used when responding and working at the above incidents to minimize the potential for injury to department personnel.

STORAGE

Vests are to be stored flat in a cool dry environment.


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