3-03/070.25 - Deputy Sheriff Special Operations Clothing

The Department has authorized three uniforms, Class A, Class B, and the Duty Uniform; however, some circumstances may require specialized clothing and equipment in the field where a less formal police appearance is appropriate. Special operations clothing may be worn by a specialized unit when authorized by their division chief, division director, concerned assistant sheriff, or undersheriff. Items identified in this section are optional and may be worn by members assigned to and performing duties identified in this section.

Only safety equipment items specified in this chapter may be worn, carried, or used while performing those duties.

The most common circumstances where such clothing and equipment may be used are listed and described below:

- Bicycle Teams
    - Department-issued shorts or uniform pants, which are only to be worn by members assigned to bicycle duty, while riding bikes;
    - Pullover polo shirt (refer to MPP section 3-03/410.20, Pullover Polo Shirt with LASD Logo for specifications);
    - Socks (other than black);
    - Issued helmet; and
    - Bicycle team jacket (optional).
- Beach Patrol
    - Green military style shorts;
    - Pullover polo shirt (refer to MPP section 3-03/410.20, Pullover Polo Shirt with LASD Logo for specifications); and
    - A hat.
- Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Deputies
    - Green Class B uniform pants with affixed knee pads; and
    - Green uniform shirt with affixed elbow pads.
- Custody deputies working outdoor assignments
    - During inclement weather, custody deputies working outdoor assignments are permitted to wear

the Department's approved pullover polo shirt (refer to MPP section 3-03/410.20, Pullover Polo Shirt with LASD Logo for specifications) with the Watch Commander's approval.

- Emergency Operations Bureau
    - The Department-approved duty uniform pants; and
    - Pullover polo shirt (refer to MPP section 3-03/410.20, Pullover Polo Shirt with LASD Logo for specifications.)
- Special Enforcement Bureau
    - Green BDU (Battle Dress Uniform) uniform.
- K-9 Units
    - Green BDU (Battle Dress Uniform) uniform.
- Aero Bureau
    - Flight suit.
- Arson/Explosives Detail
    - Black BDU (Battle Dress Uniform) uniform.
- Hazardous Material (HazMat) Detail
    - Personal protection suit.
- Search and Rescue Teams
    - Class B or duty uniforms when not actively conducting a search and rescue operation; or
    - During a rescue operation, members are to utilize approved specialized clothing and safety equipment deemed necessary for the immediate task.
- Communications and Fleet Management Bureau
    - The Department-approved duty uniform pants; and
    - Pullover polo shirt (refer to MPP section 3-03/410.20, Pullover Polo Shirt with LASD Logo for specifications).
- Harbor Patrol
    - Green cargo-type shorts or duty uniform pants; and

- Pullover polo shirt (refer to MPP section 3-03/410.20, Pullover Polo Shirt with LASD Logo for specifications).

- Motorcycle Enforcement
  - Issued Department-approved motorcycle enforcement uniform pants and uniform shirt with safety impact pads;
  - Issued Department-approved breeches with safety impacts pads;
  - Issued Department-approved motorcycle jacket with safety impacts pads;
  - Issued Department-approved motorcycle helmet;
  - Issued Department-approved boots; and
  - Department-approved ballistic vest outer carrier.

- Off-road Motorcycle Enforcement
  - Department-approved Off-road Air Mesh uniform pants with safety impact pads;
  - Department-approved Off-road uniform shirt with safety impact pads;
  - Department-approved Off-road motorcycle boots;
  - Department-approved Off-road motorcycle gloves;
  - Department-approved motorcycle helmet; and
  - Department-approved ballistic vest outer carrier.

- Mounted Enforcement Detail
  - Class B or Pullover polo shirt (refer to MPP section 3-03/410.20, Pullover Polo Shirt with LASD Logo for specifications);
  - Class B or Duty Uniform pants;
  - Round toe, smooth finish, polished, black boots;

- Plain chrome, black strap, shank no longer than 3 inches and no longer than 1 inch rowel spurs; and
- Department-approved ballistic vest outer carrier.

In addition to the items specified above, the special operations clothing consists of the following apparel and identification items:

- Belt - black in color;
- Headgear is optional (refer to MPP section 3-03/250.00, Headgear for specifications);
- Identification card;
- Outerwear;
- Field jacket (optional);
- Foul weather jacket (optional);
- Rank insignia (refer to MPP section 3-03/290.15, Rank-Deputy and Sergeant Insignia for specifications) mandated for Sergeant and above;
- Scarf (optional);
- Sweater (optional);
- Footwear (see MPP section 3-03/225.00, Footwear for specifications); and
- Socks - black in color (refer to MPP section 3-03/460.00, Socks for specifications).

The Special Enforcement Bureau unit commander may authorize specific tactical equipment or clothing for use while teams are in the process of serving warrants or deployed on tactical callouts. Upon completion of the tactical operation, personnel shall revert to a normal Class A, Class B, or duty uniform designated by the unit commander. Special Enforcement Bureau members shall wear either the Class A uniform or business attire for court appearances and public presentations. Special Enforcement Bureau members must wear the standard uniform while performing general patrol functions.

Detectives assigned to investigate gang activity have special provisions during investigations and upon the approval of their division chief and the undersheriff. Their special operation clothing may include blue jean pants and a standard raid jacket when authorized by their division chief, the concerned assistant sheriff, or the undersheriff. However, Operation Safe Streets Bureau personnel shall wear either a Class A uniform or business attire for court appearances and public presentations.