3-03/350.10 - "High-Visibility" Safety Vest

Except as provided below, Department members performing the following duties, on a roadway (including shoulders and rightâ€˜ofâ€˜way) shall wear a “Highâ€‘Visibility” reflective vest meeting the requirements contained in Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, section 634.2, during all hours of darkness or daylight:

- Directing traffic;
- Accident investigation;
- Handling lane closures or obstructed traffic; and
- Disaster response.

Supervisors shall ensure that “Highâ€‘Visibility” vests are worn when required by this section.

The wearing of the “Highâ€‘Visibility” vest has the potential to jeopardize officer safety if worn in situations where potentially armed suspects are present or where similar risk potential exists. In circumstances where such factors may be clearly articulated, the requirement to wear the vest is relieved.