1-01/020.00 Uniform and Equipment Policy for Court Services Division Personnel

Class A uniform is the standard uniform worn by sworn members of this Department whenever performing uniformed duty. It is, therefore, the policy of this Division that Class A uniform shall be worn by all Deputy personnel assigned to uniformed duty within Court Services Division. In addition, all Deputy personnel shall possess and have available for inspection at their unit of assignment, a complete Class B uniform.

Exception: Class B uniform may, with the Unit Commander's approval, be worn by Deputy personnel assigned to lockup or transportation duties whenever they are engaged in the performance of their normal duties.

The Manual of Policy and Procedures specifies that certain equipment items are to be worn or may be optionally carried as part of a complete Class A uniform. It is the policy of this Division that a complete Class A uniform shall be worn, including the gun belt (Sam/Sally Browne), holster, and Departmental issued firearm, fully loaded, handcuffs and other authorized equipment as required. Lockup personnel are not required to wear a Sam Browne during the performance of their normal duties; but, it shall be worn whenever they are required to leave their facility, e.g., prisoner escort to hospitals.

Deputy personnel assigned to uniform duty shall carry the prescribed firearm, fully loaded.

Exception: No firearm shall be worn or carried into any court lockup except during extreme emergency and then only at the direction of an on-scene supervisor. Bailiffs or other personnel whose duties require them to enter court lockups shall leave their firearm in a secure location, i.e.; gun locker, prior to entering the lockup area.

FLASHLIGHTS

The flashlight carried on duty in Court Services Division lockup facilities shall not weigh more than 16 ounces, and shall not be more than 13 inches in length. The flashlight used shall be of good commercial quality and construction, shall be regularly inspected by its owner for proper working condition, and flashlights longer than 6 inches in length shall be of plastic or nylon composite material only.