

## **Chapter 2 - Equipment & Vehicles**

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#### **• 2005 - 14 SUPPLIES**

##### **PURPOSE OF ORDER**

To provide guidelines for Operation Safe Streets (OSS) Bureau personnel regarding requests for supplies.

##### **SCOPE OF ORDER**

All OSS Bureau personnel.

##### **ORDER**

A Department Supply Requisition is required for supply requests. The team sergeant shall submit the completed form to the team lieutenant, who will forward it to the Law Enforcement Technician (LET) after approval. The LET will notify the team requesting the supplies when they are ready for pickup.

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#### **• 2006 - 1 BALLISTIC HELMETS**

##### **PURPOSE OF ORDER**

The purpose of this order is to provide specific guidelines for the Bureau's sworn personnel regarding the use of a Department approved ballistic helmet.

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The Department issues sworn personnel a “Bell” Pro level IIIA ballistic helmet, Paulson short face shield, and storage bag.

**SCOPE OF ORDER.**

All sworn Bureau personnel.

**ORDER**

During search/arrest warrant operations:

- The ballistic helmet shall be worn during the entry and suspect search phase of the operation by personnel serving search warrants or during any other high-risk situation, wherein a violent confrontation with suspect(s) can be anticipated. This includes entry and containment personnel.
- Personnel are encouraged to wear the ballistic helmet during the entry phase of parole or probation compliance searches.
- The ballistic helmet, and face shield, shall be the helmet worn during all Tactical Response Force deployments.

The helmet and face shield shall be stored in the provided storage bag when not in use. The face shield can be removed and stored in a separate compartment inside of the bag. Personnel should be cautious not to lose the attachment screws or the synthetic grommets.

It shall be the responsibility of the team sergeant to ensure that this order is complied with by those personnel under his/her supervision. It shall be the responsibility of a supervisor of at least the rank of lieutenant to authorize an exception to this policy.

Any helmet that needs to be replaced due to wear or damage shall be turned into the Department’s Central Supply and Logistics for replacement.

Any helmet that is lost or stolen shall be properly documented in a SH-AD-49 and shall require a verbal notification to the area lieutenant. A copy of all reports will be provided to the Bureau’s training sergeant prior to the issuance of a replacement helmet.

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**• 2007 - 2 UNIFORMS FOR OPERATION SAFE STREETS BUREAU**

**PURPOSE OF ORDER**

The purpose of this order is to establish appearance and dress standards for sworn Bureau personnel.

**SCOPE OF ORDER**

All sworn Bureau personnel.

## **ORDER**

In an effort to establish a highly recognizable uniform standard specific to OSS Bureau, the only authorized uniforms for sworn personnel assigned or on-loan to this Bureau are the following:

### OSS – Gang Detectives:

Bureau Detectives shall wear the Department approved green raid jacket (“5.11” Tactical Series) with his/her respective last name, “O.S.S.”, and the OSS Bureau crest embroidered (in descending order) on the right breast. The Bureau pin (w/ the Bureau’s crest) may be worn on the right collar. Supervisors shall wear a black pinned-on rank identifier on the left collar. Detectives shall wear blue jean pants (“Levi’s”, 5 series, dark blue denim pants), a solid black T-shirt, and black boots (solid black in color).

If wearing business attire, the green raid jacket or suit jacket/sport coat may be worn over the shirt and tie. The raid jacket shall not be worn with the Class “A” or “B” uniform.

Regular body armor and a Sam Browne or Sally Browne gun belt shall be worn in the field. If a detective chooses to wear an outer green ballistic vest carrier, it shall be worn over the green raid jacket or the Class “B” uniform shirt. A tactical drop holster may be worn with an outer ballistic vest.

Gang Surveillance Unit (GSU) detectives who operate in a plain clothes capacity shall wear plain clothes. GSU “take-down” deputies shall wear either a Class “A” or “B” uniform.

### OSS – Scent Dog Detail Handler(s):

- Scent Dog Detail handler(s) shall wear the Class “B” uniform with 5.11 pants and black boots.

### Parole Compliance Teams (PCT):

- See PCT Unit Order 13-02 (attached)
  - o No change upon re-org from Community Policing Division/COPS Bureau to Detective Division/OSS Bureau

### Tactical Operations:

During tactical operations, Bureau sworn personnel are authorized to wear either the designated green raid jacket and blue jean pants or the Class “B” uniform with 5.11 pants and black boots. All sworn personnel participating in the same search operation shall be consistent and wear the same uniform for the specific operation and/or deployment, with the exception of Scent Dog Details deputies and PCT members assisting Bureau detectives.

### Surveillance Operations:

During surveillance operations, appropriate attire can be worn for the safety of deputy personnel and to not compromise the surveillance.

Court Appearance:

Sworn personnel shall wear either a Class "A" uniform or appropriate business attire for court appearances and public presentations. The raid jacket shall not be worn with business attire during court appearances.

Professional Staff:

Professional staff shall dress in professional attire at all times, per Manual of Policy and Procedures section **3-01/050.80 GROOMING AND DRESS STANDARDS**.

All personnel are prohibited from exhibiting any tattoo, branding, or other form of body art that may be seen by another person.

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• **2015 - 3 SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

**PURPOSE OF ORDER**

The purpose of this order is to provide guidance and policy regarding the responsibility of sworn personnel assigned to Bureau when actively contacting citizens in the field.

**SCOPE OF ORDER**

All sworn Bureau personnel.

**ORDER**

All uniformed Bureau sworn personnel who are conducting field activities likely to result in citizen contacts, shall wear approved safety equipment and identification items appropriate for their rank, classification, and/or assignment during their tour of duty.

Safety equipment shall consist of a gun belt, service firearm and holster, ammunition case and ammunition, flashlight, baton and holder, handcuffs and case(s), keeper straps, key ring holder, Oleoresin Capsicum "OC" spray canister and holder, and radio holder.

The following equipment is optional: second pair of handcuffs, gloves, knife and case, Hobble restraint, rain wear, and sap. A Department issued helmet and gas mask must be immediately available.

Protective vests shall be worn by all personnel involved in tactical entries and overcoming any initial resistance wherein a forced entry may become necessary at a location. Such occasions include but are not limited to the service of arrest warrants, search warrants, probable cause entries, probation and parole compliance searches, and anytime members intend to effect an entry should permission be denied.

## • 2021 - 1 BODY WORN CAMERAS ACTIVATION AND USE

### **PURPOSE OF ORDER**

To establish guidelines for all Bureau personnel, regarding the use of Body Worn Cameras (BWC).

### **SCOPE OF ORDER**

All Bureau personnel.

### **ORDER**

Bureau personnel shall comply with Manual of Policy and Procedure Section 3-06/200.08 – Body Worn Cameras-Activation.

Bureau personnel are authorized to utilize the BWC for recording “knock and notice” announcements, per Penal Code Section 844.

Bureau personnel may utilize the BWC and paired mobile phone camera for administrative pre-search and post-search recordings of a location, and any detained occupants during a search operation.

Exceptions from activating a BWC include:

- Bureau personnel assisting an outside federal or state law enforcement agency’s operation that does not authorize BWC recordings,
  - Pre-planned operations that have been authorized in the operations plan as exempt from BWC activations by the Incident Commander.
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