

## **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.

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.