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.