

## 97-02 DRESS STANDARDS/GROOMING



# TASKFORCE FOR REGIONAL AUTO THEFT

Unit Order: 97-02

Subject: DRESS STANDARDS/GROOMING

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### PURPOSE

The Taskforce for Regional Autotheft Prevention (TRAP) is Los Angeles County's regional, multi-agency task force that investigates, prosecutes and deters vehicle theft on a coordinated and cooperative basis. TRAP is comprised of investigators from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles Police Department, California Highway Patrol and participating law enforcement agencies.

The task force performs a variety of activities, which include but are not limited to investigations, business inspections, training, and court appearance. However, the vast majority of our time is spent operating in an undercover capacity investigating auto theft rings throughout the entire County. As we know, undercover operations are inherently dangerous and challenging. These types of activities require TRAP personnel to dress in attire appropriate to blend in with their environment and operate in a covert manner. This attire is critical for officer safety, so as not to be detected and compromise an investigation.

In day-to-day investigations and operations, personnel shall wear appropriate attire suitable to their respective assignment. With this in mind, the following guidelines will apply.

### GUIDELINES

- **Under Cover Operations and Investigations** - Attire that melds in with the surroundings you are operating in as approved by the team supervisor.
- **Search/Arrest Warrants, Parole, and Probation Searches** – Preplanned warrants and search operations shall require tactical helmets, entry vests, black shirt, and black tactical pants. Shorts are not permitted for preplanned search and arrest operations.
- **Business Inspections** – Personnel shall wear TRAP Raid Jackets and/or patrol vest.

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- **Saturated Patrol Events** – TRAP personnel shall wear TRAP Raid Jackets, patrol vest and tactical pants.
- **Court Appearances** - Advanced notice of a courtroom appearances shall require task force personnel to wear appropriate business attire.
- **Training and Presentations** – Task force personnel shall wear either business or casual business attire contingent on the event.

Any exceptions to these standards require the pre-approval of the area lieutenant.

All male task force personnel shall maintain their personal hygiene. Hair will be groomed and limited to collar length; however, with the approval of the team supervisor and the area lieutenant, exceptions can be made for investigation purposes. Well-groomed facial hair is permitted, including the wearing of trimmed beards, sideburns and goatees. Male personnel may not wear any visible body adornments (body piercing) other than earrings with the concurrence of their team supervisor and the area lieutenant.

All female task force personnel shall maintain their personal hygiene. Grooming standards shall include hair worn in a fashion mindful of safety. Female personnel shall not wear any visible body adornments (body piercing) other than earrings.

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