

## **3-03/250.00 - Headgear**

### **Sworn Members**

Uniformed sworn members are not required to wear headgear while on routine duty, public or court appearances, assignments at court, during in-service training, patrol duty, or other similar assignments. Headgear, when worn, shall be worn squarely upon the head.

### **Class A Campaign Hat with Cap Piece**

The olive drab green felt, triple-brim Class A campaign hat, manufactured by the Stratton Hats company, may be worn by sworn members with the Class A uniform. The ranks of captain and above shall wear the campaign hat for formal events, as directed by the Sheriff. The hat shall be worn with cable and acorn ornamentation, cap piece, and chin strap. The cable shall be black and gold for deputies and sergeants, and solid gold for lieutenants and above. Campaign hat specifications are available through the Department's uniform and equipment coordinator.

### **Cap Piece for Campaign Hats**

The cap piece shall be yellow metal with a single or double mounting post for campaign hats. The cap piece shall consist of a partial replica of the Departmental badge. The seal of the County of Los Angeles shall be represented in the center of the cap piece and surmounted by a California bear. The word "Sheriff," in blue letters, shall appear just below the bear. The cap piece, which is available to all sworn personnel, is only available for sale through the Personnel Administration Bureau, Employee Service Center. Previously issued cap pieces are still authorized for wear on the Class A campaign hat.

### **Watch Cap**

The watch cap is intended to provide warmth and protection to uniformed personnel while performing duties in inclement weather. The cap may be worn when authorized by the watch commander.

The watch cap shall be black in color of tightly-woven material and embroidered on the lower front with the letters "LASD" in one-half-inch gold thread. Personnel shall wear the cap with the bottom folded up to expose the embroidered letters to the front, the top close to the head, and the bottom not below the middle of the forehead or ears. Personnel shall remove the cap when inside a private residence or business.

The watch cap is available for purchase at the employee's own expense. Personnel may contact the Department's uniform and equipment coordinator for a list of approved vendors.

### **Baseball-Style Cap**

The Sheriff's baseball-style cap shall be olive drab green in color with subdued black Sheriff's star patch, with the wording "Sheriff's Department" or "Deputy Sheriff." It is available for purchase at the Sheriff's Emporium and other vendor locations.

The baseball-style cap may be worn by sworn personnel when exposed to outside weather conditions as part of their shift. The baseball-style cap may be worn in public with the Class A, Class B, or modified uniform

when working outside. The baseball-style cap shall not be worn off-duty, or mixed with civilian attire. The cap shall not be worn in a court building, or during formal or professional events. The baseball-style cap must be worn forward and shall not be worn with pins, embroidered, personalized, or altered in any way. The condition of the cap must be maintained to uphold professional uniform standards as described in section 3-03/040.05, Maintaining Uniforms and Safety Equipment.

### **Western-Style Hat**

The western-style hat must be constructed of traditional light-colored natural straw, "Cattleman" or "Rancher" block style, with a minimum 3" and maximum 4 1/4" side brim curved upward in a pronounced fashion. The crown shall have a maximum of 5 1/2" height with a defined ridge or "cattleman's crease" on top.

The western-style hat shall be worn forward, above the eyebrows, free of pins, dye patterns, designs, and personalized logos or altered in any way. The western-style hat will have one plain brown Department-approved leather hatband. A clear plastic cover may be added to the hat during inclement weather. No other accessories may be added to the hat.

The western-style hat is authorized for wear by uniformed Department members when outdoors. The western-style hat is an optional uniform accessory. The western-style hat may be worn in conjunction with all authorized uniform types.

The western-style hat shall be removed while indoors when etiquette dictates unless officer safety dictates otherwise. The western-style hat shall not be worn in a court building or during formal events.

The above hat will be worn clean and free from excessive wear, color fading, tears, or holes and maintained to uphold professional uniform standards as described in section 3-03/040.05, Maintaining Uniforms and Safety Equipment. Supervisors are responsible for ensuring the hats are the approved style and worn appropriately.

The wearing of the western-style hat is authorized for uniformed personnel working patrol, correctional, and support positions, with the approval of the unit commander.

The western-style hat is available for purchase at the employee's own expense. Personnel may contact the Department's uniform and equipment coordinator for a list of approved vendors.

### **Custody Assistant Members**

#### **Baseball-Style Cap**

The Sheriff's baseball-style cap shall be olive drab green in color with subdued black Sheriff's star patch, with the wording "Sheriff's Department." It is available for purchase at the Sheriff's Emporium and other vendor locations.

The baseball-style cap may be worn by custody assistants when exposed to outside weather conditions as part of their shift. The baseball-style cap may be worn in public with the Class A or Class B uniform when working outside. The baseball-style cap shall not be worn off-duty or mixed with civilian attire. The cap shall not be worn in a court building or during formal or professional events. The baseball-style cap must be worn forward and shall not be worn with pins, embroidered, personalized, or altered in any way. The condition of

the cap must be maintained to uphold professional uniform standards as described in section 3-03/040.05, Maintaining Uniforms and Safety Equipment.

Custody assistants assigned to Recruit Training Bureau may also wear the olive drab green campaign hat, with black and gold cables and acorns, as authorized by the Recruit Training Bureau unit commander.

### **Security Officers**

#### **Baseball-Style Cap**

The Sheriff's baseball-style cap shall be olive drab green in color with subdued black Sheriff's star patch, with the wording "Sheriff's Department." It is available for purchase at the Sheriff's Emporium and other vendor locations.

The baseball-style cap may be worn by security officers when exposed to outside weather conditions during their shift. The baseball-style cap may be worn in public with the Class A or Class B uniform when working outside. The baseball-style cap shall not be worn off-duty or mixed with civilian attire. The cap shall not be worn in a court building or during formal or professional events. The baseball-style cap must be worn forward and shall not be worn with pins, embroidered, personalized, or altered in any way. The condition of the cap must be maintained to uphold professional uniform standards as described in section 3-03/040.05, Maintaining Uniforms and Safety Equipment.

### **Blue-Uniformed Civilian/Volunteer Member**

#### **Baseball-Style Cap**

A dark blue baseball-style cap may be worn by blue-uniformed civilian/volunteer personnel (see section 3-03/250.00). The baseball-style cap shall have a light blue Sheriff's star patch affixed to the front of the cap, centered, and placed ½ inch above the brim. It shall be purchased at the wearer's expense. The baseball-style cap must be worn forward and shall not be worn with pins, embroidered, personalized, or altered in any way. The condition of the cap must be maintained to uphold professional uniform standards as described in section 3-03/040.05, Maintaining Uniforms and Safety Equipment.

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