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 Dress Hat with Cap Piece

The green polyester/wool circular Class A dress hat, Keystone Cap Company R-10 LASO style round top cap or equivalent, with two front badge eyelets, green pershing ribbed braid, rank insignia band/chin strap, and cap piece is authorized to wear on-duty with a Class A uniform. Specifications for the use of the cap piece are detailed below under the section titled, “Cap Piece.” The rank insignia band/chin strap shall be black for deputies and sergeants and shall be Keystone's gold bullion chin strap, or equivalent, for lieutenants and above. Captains and above shall have Keystone's army gold bullion embroidery visor or equivalent.

Sworn Department executives at the rank of captain or above, shall have a Class A dress hat available. The dress hat may be worn at the user’s discretion or as directed by the Sheriff or their designee.

Sworn department members at or below the rank of lieutenant may purchase the Class A dress hat for optional use on duty. Members may wear the dress hat at the user’s discretion or as directed by the Sheriff or their designee.

Class A Campaign Hat with Cap Piece

The felt triple-brim campaign hat, manufactured by the Stratton Hats Company, may be worn by the Honor Guard and drill instructors only. The hat shall be worn with cable and acorn ornamentation, cap piece, and chin strap. Specifications for the use of the cap piece are detailed below under the section titled, “Cap Piece.” The cable shall be black and gold for deputies and sergeants, and solid gold for lieutenants and above. A black hat shall be worn with the honor guard uniform and a green hat shall be worn with a Class A uniform for drill instructors. Campaign hat specifications are available through the Department’s uniform and equipment coordinator.

Cap Piece

The cap piece shall be yellow metal with a single mounting post for campaign hat and double mounting post for the Class A dress hat. 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 and Class A dress hat.

Class B Star

The gold Class B star patch is prescribed as a gold six-point star applique. The center of the badge shall be

circumscribed by a blue band containing the words “Deputy Sheriff” and “Los Angeles County” in gold embroidered lettering. The inner circle shall contain a silver bear. The badge shall not exceed the size of the official uniform badge and shall not be smaller than two inches as measured from the top to bottom star segments.

The subdued black Class B star patch is prescribed as a black six-point star applique. The center of the badge shall be circumscribed by a green band containing the words “Deputy Sheriff” or “Sheriff Dept.” and “Los Angeles County” in black embroidered lettering. The inner circle shall contain a black bear. The badge shall not exceed the size of the official uniform badge and shall not be smaller than two inches as measured from the top to bottom star segments.

The blue Class B star patch is prescribed as a light-blue six-point star applique. The center of the badge shall be circumscribed by a navy-blue band containing the words “Sheriff Dept.” and “Los Angeles County” in light-blue embroidered lettering. The inner circle shall contain a navy-blue bear. The badge shall not exceed the size of the official uniform badge and shall not be smaller than two inches as measured from the top to bottom star segments.

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 olive drab green acrylic fine knit fabric watch cap, Rothco Deluxe Fine Knit Watch Cap style or equivalent, with subdued black Class B star patch. Personnel shall wear the cap with the bottom folded up to fully expose the Class B star patch so that it may be visible. The orientation of the Class B star patch on the watch cap shall be aligned with the center of the wearer’s body. The cap shall not be worn covering the user’s eyes. 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 olive drab green polyester/cotton twill Sheriff’s baseball-style cap, 5.11 Adjustable Uniform Hat or equivalent, with a subdued black Class B star patch affixed to the front of the cap, centered, and placed ½ inch above the brim, 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 baseball-cap brim will be worn with a light or moderately curled brim and may not be worn with a flat brim. 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 ½“ 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 may be worn with the authorization of the unit commander for special events and needs only. 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 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 olive drab green polyester/cotton twill Sheriff’s baseball-style cap, 5.11 Adjustable Uniform Hat or equivalent, with subdued black Class B star patch affixed to the front of the cap, centered, and placed ½ inch above the brim, 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 baseball-cap brim will be worn with a light or moderately curled brim and may not be worn with a flat brim. 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 olive drab green polyester/cotton twill Sheriff’s baseball-style cap, 5.11 Adjustable Uniform Hat or

equivalent, with subdued black Class B star patch affixed to the front of the cap, centered, and placed ½ inch above the brim, 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 baseball-cap brim will be worn with a light or moderately curled brim and may not be worn with a flat brim. 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 navy blue baseball-style cap, 5.11 Adjustable Uniform Hat or equivalent, may be worn by blue-uniformed civilian/volunteer personnel (see section 3-03/250.00). The baseball-style cap shall have a 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 baseball-cap brim will be worn with a light or moderately curled brim and may not be worn with a flat brim. 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.