3-03/260.00 - Helmets

Department-issued helmets and face shields shall be only those brands and styles recommended by the Uniform and Equipment Coordinator and authorized by the Sheriff.

General Duty Helmet

The Department-issued helmet and face shield must be immediately available to all sworn members while on duty on any patrol assignment. The helmet shall be worn whenever personal safety necessitates or when directed. It shall be worn squarely on the head with the strap snugly secured under the chin. Unit Commanders shall not require personnel to wear a helmet as a matter of routine appearance.

A decal resembling the optional cap piece described under section 3-03/250.00 shall be affixed to the front of the helmet. If the issued helmet contains a front cover plate or shroud, no decal will be required to be affixed. Helmets shall not be altered or marked in any manner.

The helmet system consists of an olive drab level IIIA ballistic helmet, face shield, and storage bag. The ballistic helmet to be issued by Logistics shall be maintained intact with the face shield attached to the helmet and kept in the storage bag.

Bicycle Helmet

A bicycle helmet shall be worn by all members performing bicycle patrol duties.

The bicycle helmet shall be a highly visible white with the word "Sheriff" on each side. The helmet shall be issued through Central Supply/Logistics.

Motorcycle Helmet

Sworn personnel shall wear a safety helmet at all times while operating a Sheriff's motorcycle. Helmets shall meet or exceed the current Snell rating and/or DOT/FVSS 218 standards, inclusive of the Department issued modular helmets.

A decal resembling the optional cap piece or the cap piece itself described under section 3-03/250.00 shall be affixed to the front of the helmet.

Dual Purpose Motorcycle Helmet

Sworn personnel shall wear a safety helmet at all times while operating a Sheriff's motorcycle. Helmets shall

meet or exceed the current Snell rating and/or DOT/FVSS 218 standards.

Personnel assigned to off-road enforcement duties shall wear a full-face modular design and shall consist of a tan, green and black paint configuration.

A decal resembling the optional cap piece or the cap piece itself described under section 3-03/250.00 shall be affixed to the front of the helmet.

Specialty Helmets

These may be provided to personnel performing special duties per section 3-03/020.00.