2006 - 1 BALLISTIC HELMETS

PURPOSE OF ORDER

The purpose of this order is to provide specific guidelines for the Bureau's sworn personnel regarding the use of a Department-approved ballistic helmet.

The Department issues sworn personnel a "Bell" Pro level IIIA ballistic helmet, Paulson short face shield, and storage bag.

SCOPE OF ORDER.

This order applies to all sworn Bureau personnel.

ORDER

During search/arrest warrant operations:

- The ballistic helmet shall be worn by personnel serving search warrants during the entry and suspect search phases of the operations, or during any other high-risk situations, in which a violent confrontation with suspect(s) is anticipated. This requirement includes entry and containment personnel.
- Personnel are encouraged to wear the ballistic helmet during the entry phase of parole or probation compliance searches.
- The ballistic helmet, and face shield, shall be worn during all Tactical Response Force deployments.

Storage and Maintenance:

The helmet and face shield shall be stored in the provided storage bag when not in use. The face shield may be removed and stored in a separate compartment inside of the bag. Personnel should exercise caution to avoid losing the attachment screws or the synthetic grommets.

Supervisor Responsibilities:

It shall be the responsibility of the **team sergeant** to ensure personnel under their supervision comply with this order. Exceptions to this policy must be authorized by a supervisor holding the rank of lieutenant or higher.

Replacement Procedures:

- Helmets needing replacement due to due to wear or damage shall be turned into the Department's Central Supply and Logistics for replacement.
- Lost or stolen shall be properly documented in an **SH-AD-49** form and required verbal notification to the area lieutenant. A copy of all related reports shall be provided to the Bureau's training sergeant prior to the issuance of a replacement helmet.