

GENERAL ORDER

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BODY ARMOR

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ISSUING AUTHORITY: BRIAN G. OWENS, CHIEF OF POLICE

I. PURPOSE

To enhance the personal safety of department members in the course of their duties.

II. POLICY

The Troy Police Department shall provide all sworn members with soft body armor (vests).

III. PROCEDURE

- A. Every sworn member of the Troy Police Department shall be issued soft body armor that conforms to the specifications set forth by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services as defined in Section 6030.6 Part 6030 of Title 9 of the NYS Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR). The issued vest is the only authorized garment for wear on-duty. Alterations to issued soft body armor in any manner whatsoever are prohibited.
- B. Issued soft body armor shall be worn at all times while on-duty. Members working in the following positions are exempt from this mandate, but are otherwise required to wear soft body armor when performing the duties of an alternate assignment in which the wearing of a vest is mandatory:
 - 1. Members in the ranks of Chief.
 - 2. Captains assigned to administrative positions & the Detective Bureau.
 - 3. Sergeants assigned to the Desk, Records, Administration and Investigations Bureau.
 - 4. Patrolmen assigned to the Detective Bureau.
 - 5. PBA President.
 - 6. Exempted by order of the Chief of Police.
- C. All sworn department members must wear soft body armor when engaging in these duties or so ordered to by a superior officer:
 - 1. Search Warrant service.
 - 2. Execution of Arrest Warrants where resistance is anticipated.
 - 3. Barricaded suspects.
 - 4. Active shooter incidents.
 - 5. Dignitary protection, high-risk escorts, etc.

D. Carriers

1. Members may choose to wear their soft body armor under their uniform shirt or outside the uniform shirt in a tactical carrier.
2. Tactical carriers shall exhibit the officer's name and badge number in a manner prescribed by the Chief of Police.
3. Issued carriers are the only garment authorized for wear on-duty. Alterations in any manner whatsoever are prohibited.