

	<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>  <b>BALLISTIC VESTS</b>		<b><u>NUMBER</u></b>  <b>402/05</b>
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- .10 The Department strives to provide Officers with effective ballistic vests by continually monitoring test data and upgrading to meet threat levels most commonly encountered by Officers during the performance of their duties.
- .11 Officers charged with law enforcement responsibilities have been provided with a ballistic vest having front and back ballistic panels as well as a ballistic shock plate for the front panel.
- .12 Officers provided with a ballistic vest by the Department is expected to make adequate use of the ballistic vest to ensure protection during episodes where bodily injury or death might occur. For the purpose of this section, `adequate use` will mean:
  - A. The ballistic vest will be worn complete at all times to include the front and back panels as well as the shock plate in their respective carriers.
  - B. The complete ballistic vest will be worn at all times an Officer wears the police uniform, whether on or off duty, including off duty extra work approved by the Department.
  - C. Officers assigned to administrative or non-uniformed duties will be required to have their complete ballistic vest immediately available at the police facility or in their assigned vehicles and will utilize the ballistic vest in the following circumstances:
    - 1. Felony arrest warrants;
    - 2. Execution of search warrants;
    - 3. Stakeout where immediate arrest action is likely to occur;
    - 4. While responding as back-up where weapons are reported; and
    - 5. Any situation where there is a potential for violence as determined through investigation, history, known facts, reports or threats.
- .20 Officers provided with a ballistic vest will familiarize himself with the proper procedures for care and cleaning of the ballistic vest and its carriers.
- .21 The ballistic vest and its carrier will be kept in clean and sanitary condition at all times.
- .30 Officers will make frequent inspections of their assigned ballistic vest to include the ballistic panels (if removable), the carriers, adjustment straps and shock plate. If a problem or discrepancy is found, the Officer will report the problem immediately to his immediate Supervisor.



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- .31 Attempts should be made to provide Officers with a substitute ballistic vest should their assigned ballistic vest be sent for repair or modification.
  
- .40 Officers will not attempt repairs or modifications to the ballistic panels, carriers, or adjustment straps of their assigned or substitute ballistic vest. All problems associated with the ballistic vest will be reported and a determination will be made as to what course of action will be taken to remedy the problem.