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I. Purpose

The purpose of this General Order is to establish the guidelines for the wearing of approved apparel and personal equipment.

II. Policy


It is the policy of the department for employees to present a uniform and professional appearance when representing the department.

III. Definitions

A. Business Casual Dress: Appropriate business casual dress typically includes slacks or khakis, dress shirt or blouse, open-collar or polo shirt, optional tie or seasonal sport coat, a dress or skirt at knee-length or below, a tailored blazer, knit shirt or sweater, and loafers or dress shoes that cover all or most of the foot. Sweatshirts, hoodies, sandals, flip flops, etc., are NOT acceptable.

IV. Regulations

- A. Employees will comply with uniform regulations as outlined in this section [A].
- B. No member is permitted to alter a uniform, other than tailoring for fit, or wear unauthorized insignias, badges, buttons, equipment, patches, hats, and the like on an official uniform without proper approval (LE 41.3.4) [A].
- C. When in uniform, an officer will wear the fully prescribed uniform [A].
- D. No member is permitted to wear any police department uniform clothing or equipment in civilian attire [A].
- E. Police department uniform equipment, boots, shoes, and belts will not be used for personal use unless approved by the Chief of Police [A].
- F. Employees will keep their uniform(s) clean, well-pressed, and in good repair [A].
- G. All uniform equipment turned in for any reason must be cleaned and pressed before the Department will accept the same [A].
- H. Employees operating departmental vehicles, unless otherwise authorized, shall be appropriately dressed [A].

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- I. Officers in uniform and operating in field assignments will wear body armor (LE 41.3.5; KLEAP 8.3.4a) [B].
- J. Regardless of rank or assignment, all sworn members will maintain at least one set of uniforms in proper order and fit, and necessary equipment [A].

V. Procedures

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A. Uniformed Assignments

1. Police uniforms, as prescribed by the Chief of Police, will be worn by all officers within the Patrol Division.
2. A sufficient change of uniforms and all necessary equipment will be furnished at department expense to each officer at the time of employment.
3. Each uniformed officer shall maintain their uniform in such a way as to present a clean, neat appearance.
4. Each officer will receive a yearly clothing allowance in order that items can be replaced, and accessories maintained, assuring that each officer presents a professional appearance at all times.
5. Each officer shall maintain all equipment in such a way as to ensure proper and safe functioning.
6. The short-sleeved duty uniform will be worn with an open collar.
 - a. If a t-shirt is worn under the short-sleeved shirt and is visible, it shall be dark navy blue or white in color.
7. The long-sleeved duty uniform will be worn with either an open collar, mock turtleneck, or tie.
8. The duty jacket will be a dark navy exterior coat with Andover Police patches on both shoulders and a dark navy fleece liner. Weather permitting, the jacket may be worn with or without the liner, or the fleece liner may be worn with or without the jacket, provided that the fleece liner has Andover Police patches on both shoulders. An optional lightweight dark navy exterior jacket, reversible with Hi-Vis softshell liner, is available and authorized.
9. An optional dark navy Command-style sweater, as well as a black stocking cap, will be available for winter use. The baseball cap, black in color with APD embroidered on the front in gold (Sergeant and above) or silver color, and the officer's last name on the rear of the hat will remain an optional item and authorized for wear when approved by the Chief of Police.
10. Each uniform worn shall identify the officer by name and agency.
11. At a minimum, a badge, nameplate, whistle chain, rank insignia, or collar brass (as applicable) and shoulder patches shall be affixed to each uniform when worn. Additionally, an optional polyester hybrid uniform shirt with Andover Police patches on both shoulders and appropriate rank insignia will be available


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in short and long sleeves for wear under the exterior vest carrier. Other than appropriate collar brass, no additional adornments, including a badge, will be required to be worn under the exterior vest carrier. However, officers will not leave the building wearing a uniform shirt without the appropriate adornments, including a badge, unless they are wearing the exterior vest carrier.

- a. Badges shall be affixed to pre-sewn holes in the uniform shirt located above the left breast pocket.
 - b. Nameplate shall be centered and pinned at the top of the right breast pocket with the top of the name tag aligned along the lower stitching of the top pocket seam.
 - c. Whistle chains shall be hooked to the right epaulet button under the epaulet and tucked into the outside upper corner of the right breast pocket.
 - d. Shoulder patches shall be centered on the outside of both sleeves of the uniform shirt and uniform jacket, and one inch below the top seam.
12. Awards ribbon bars, if worn, shall be centered and pinned in rows of two or three above the right breast pocket with the bottom of the first row aligned with the top of the pocket seam.
 13. Marksmanship Awards, if worn, will be centered and worn ¼ inch above any awards ribbon bars.
 14. FAA Drone Pilot Wings, if worn, shall be centered and worn ¼ inch above the Marksmanship Award.
 15. Wreath of Honor, Wreath of Valor, and Wreath of Meritorious Service Awards, if worn, shall be centered and pinned ¼ inch above any Marksmanship Awards and/or ribbons.
 16. Officers of the rank of Sergeant/Detective and above shall display rank insignia, and all other uniformed officers shall display "PD" insignia, centered on the uniform shirt collar between the apex of the inside seam of the collar point.
 17. Sergeants and Detectives shall wear three gold-colored stripes sewn centered on their shirt sleeves, ¼ inch below the department patch.
 18. Master Patrol Officers shall wear two stripes and a star sewn centered on their shirt sleeves, ¼ inch below the department patch.
 19. Corporals shall wear two stripes sewn centered on their shirt sleeves, ¼ inch below the department patch.
 20. Badges, collar brass, whistle chains, nameplates, and metal gun belt buttons and buckles (if visible) will be gold in color for officers of the rank of Sergeant and above, and silver for officers below the rank of Sergeant.
 21. Seniority Stripes may be worn by sworn staff members on their Regulation Uniform long-sleeve shirts, the Class A Uniform, and outerwear uniform jackets. Seniority Stripes, a diagonal royal blue stripe with white edging around each stripe, will be authorized for wear centered on the left sleeve beginning one inch up from the sleeve's top cuff hem and extending upward.

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- a. One Seniority Stripes will be authorized for each five years of law enforcement experience beginning from the date of the officer's graduation from their state-recognized Basic Law Enforcement Academy, minus any periods absent from law enforcement employment.
22. Uniformed officers shall wear footwear appropriate for the weather conditions and their job assignment. Footwear may be boots, low-quarter shoes, or combat boots, provided they are black leather with a plain toe.
23. The initial issue duty belt and associated equipment will be leather or simulated leather, black in color, with a basket weave design.
24. Uniformed officers in patrol or extra-duty assignments will have on their duty belt, at a minimum, a holster with a duty handgun, handcuffs, a magazine pouch with two loaded magazines, and at least two less lethal weapons, unless otherwise stated in this or another General Order.
25. The department's approved uniform headgear may be worn at the officer's discretion, except wear will be mandatory for formal or official occasions as determined by the Chief of Police.
26. Uniformed officers in patrol or extra-duty assignments will wear concealable body armor provided by the department. The body armor will be replaced at the department's expense when it is no longer serviceable (LE 41.3.5).
27. Uniformed officers in patrol or extra-duty assignments are authorized to wear the approved external vest carrier in navy blue with up to six navy blue molle style accessory pouches. The external vest carrier will have a nameplate with the first initial and last name, along with a badge on the front of the vest carrier and a "Police" patch on the back of the vest carrier. The external vest carrier is authorized to wear when wearing the regulation uniform.
28. The external vest carrier will not be authorized for wear with the designated class A uniform, the department's authorized bicycle patrol uniform, or the SRO uniform.
29. The external vest carrier is authorized for court purposes only when the member is called to court unexpectedly and has not been subpoenaed in advance.
30. Accessories worn by uniformed officers (i.e., watches, jewelry, sunglasses, etc.) shall be of a type that is compatible and complementary with the uniform and provide for a professional appearance. Exposed necklaces will not be worn with the police uniform.
31. The dress uniform, or Class A uniform, for formal events will be the long-sleeve uniform with a closed collar, navy blue necktie, and uniform headgear. Department-issued awards and/or ribbon bars will be worn with the dress uniform.
32. All department members of the rank of Captain and above will have an optional Class A uniform available, which will be comprised of the regulation Class A

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uniform and a navy blue command style topcoat. The uniform shirt under the topcoat may be dark navy blue or white in color with a dark navy tie.

B. Non-Uniformed Assignments

1. Detectives assigned to the Investigations Division, and other officers as necessary, will be authorized to wear appropriate civilian clothing in the routine performance of their duties.
2. Civilian clothing must present a neat and professional appearance, and at a minimum will include:
 - a. Casual, contemporary business attire, such as trousers and collared shirts for male members;
 - b. Casual, contemporary business attire, such as dresses, skirts, or full-length slacks and blouses for female members; or
 - c. Department-approved dress shirt with logo and coordinated slacks for male and female members.
3. Officers assigned to the Investigations Division must maintain a complete uniform and equipment issue.
4. All officers involved in the execution of pre-planned, high-risk tactical situations/duties are required to wear ballistic vests whenever discharging those responsibilities. Examples of high-risk tactical situations include, but are not limited to, planned drug raids, felony warrant execution, arrest situations, etc. (LE 41.3.6; KLEAP 8.3.4b).
5. Detectives who are on-call are permitted to wear nice blue jeans and collared shirts, for men, or blouses, for women, when responding to a call-out.

C. Communications Division (COM 3.6.2)


1. Employees assigned to the Communications Division will wear the uniform authorized by the Chief of Police. The official uniform for the Communications Division will be:
 - a. Department-issued Navy blue short or long-sleeve polo with the APD or the Andover Communications Logo embroidered on the left breast and the department member's first initial and last name embroidered on line one and either Communications Officer, Records/Evidence Custodian, or Community Service Officer embroidered on line two on the right breast area.
 - b. Department-issued BDU style pants, Khaki in color, with "911" embroidered on the pocket, black belt, and black regulation footwear.
 - c. Non-department-issued casual, contemporary business attire trousers, in either black, gray, or khaki in color.

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- d. Non-Department issued below-the-knee length skirts in either black, gray, or khaki in color.
- e. Communication Division members choosing to wear non-department-issued pants will wear the department-issued polo with appropriate footwear such as fully closed black shoes, or partially toe-covered footwear with a strap on the heel.
 - i. Fully open-toed, slip-on type shoes with no back or strap, and flip-flops are unauthorized foot attire.
- f. Department-issued Navy or Black jacket with the APD or Communications Logo embroidered on the left breast area, the department member's first initial and last name embroidered on the right breast area, and "COMMUNICATIONS" embroidered on the back.
- g. Non-department-issued jackets will be navy or black in color.
- h. Department-issued shorts, Khaki in color, with "911" embroidered on the pocket, or non-department issued Khaki shorts, black belt, and black regulation footwear may only be authorized by the Chief of Police or Division Commander for special outdoor events.
2. Communication Division personnel must present a neat and professional appearance and wear their uniforms in the prescribed manner.

D. Special Use Uniforms

1. Special use uniforms, approved by the Chief of Police or Division Commander, are authorized for wear by members of the department while on duty when attending and/or participating in functions such as training, community meetings, presentations, etc.; while performing K9, administrative duties, or other activities as approved by the Chief of Police. Special use uniform will be a navy blue polo shirt with the department police logo on the left breast and the officer's name and rank on the right breast, BDU style pants, khaki in color, with either black or tan boots. The regulation duty belt will not be worn with the special use uniform. Civilian staff will be authorized to wear a navy blue polo shirt with the department administration logo on the left breast and the staff member's name and title on the right breast.
2. The SRO uniform is authorized for wear by members of the department while assigned as School Resource Officers. On a normal basis, SROs may wear the authorized patrol regulation uniform or the approved SRO uniform consisting of a navy blue short or long-sleeve polo shirt with the APD logo embroidered on the left breast, the department member's first initial and last name embroidered on the right breast area, and POLICE embroidered on the back. SROs will be authorized to wear a school-assigned polo on Fridays and at after-school functions, such as sporting events, dances, and field trips. BDU style

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pants, khaki in color, with either black or tan boots. The authorized baseball cap is optional, but if worn will be black in color with APD embroidered on the front in silver color (gold if sergeant or above) and the officer's last name on the rear of the hat. If a jacket is worn, it will be either the Charles River brand, black in color with a grey liner, or the Spiewak brand Performance Fleece Liner. The Spiewak liner will have the APD badge on the left breast and the department's shoulder patch sewn on both shoulders. The regulation duty jackets (navy blue) are not authorized to be worn with the SRO uniform. SROs wearing the SRO uniform will wear their duty belt with all required equipment and body armor as defined in General Order M1202. The officer's badge will be prominently displayed on the duty belt near the duty weapon. External vest carriers will not be worn with the SRO uniform. The SRO uniform will not be worn for court purposes unless the member is called into court unexpectedly and has not been subpoenaed in advance.

3. Canine Handler Uniform is authorized for wear by members of the department while assigned to canine handling duty. The Canine Handler uniform will be the regulation uniform, as it is for all officers. The exception will be the back of the exterior vest carrier when worn, will read "K-9 Officer." Additionally, canine handlers, for call-outs and training, are authorized to wear BDU style pants, khaki in color, with either black or tan boots, a navy blue polo shirt, and/or a navy blue hooded sweatshirt with "K-9 Officer" on the back.
4. The Bike Patrol Uniform is authorized for wear by members of the department while assigned to bike patrol duty. The Bike Patrol Uniform will consist of the authorized bike patrol polo, bike patrol coat, and either black pants or black shorts. Officers are also authorized to wear solid black socks and department approved black shoes.

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E. Court, Training, and Other Attire

1. All officers appearing in court will wear the regulation uniform of the day or be dressed in civilian dress attire, which includes a suit coat and tie for men, and business attire for women.
2. The special use uniform is authorized for court purposes only when the member is called to court unexpectedly and has not been subpoenaed in advance.
3. Unless otherwise directed due to the type of training, permissible training attire includes:
 - a. Uniform of the day;
 - b. Casual, contemporary business attire, such as trousers and sports shirts for male members;
 - c. Casual, contemporary business attire, such as dresses, skirts, or full-length slacks and blouses for female members.


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4. Employees may wear department-approved shirts bearing police department insignia with civilian attire. Wearing of these shirts is permitted for employees in non-uniform assignments and for training.
5. When authorized by the Chief of Police or a Division Commander, all officers may wear the special use uniform while working at a community event. The Chief of Police or a Division Commander may exempt officers from wearing body armor and duty belts for a community event. If exempted from wearing a duty belt, officers will at least wear their duty firearm with their badge prominently displayed on the belt near the firearm.

F. Black Band of Mourning

1. The Congress and the President of the United States have designated May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week.
 - a. The Mayor of the City of Andover, with signing the proclamation, will proclaim May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in Andover, honoring those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.
 - b. In recognition of Peace Officers' Memorial Day, all Officers of the Andover Police Department will wear the "Black Band of Mourning" over their badge from 12:01 am to 12:00 midnight, May 15th.
 - c. Mayor of Andover, with signing of the proclamation, will proclaim the week in May, which May 15th falls in as National Police Week in Andover.
 - d. In recognition of Police Week, Officers of the Andover Police Department are authorized to wear the "Black Band of Mourning" over their badge beginning Sunday at 12:01 am through Saturday at 12:00 midnight the week of May 15th.
2. Anytime an Officer(s) is killed in the line of duty in Kansas, Officers of the Andover Police Department are authorized to wear the "Black Band of Mourning" over their badge beginning the day the Officer(s) is killed until 12:00 midnight of the day of the Officer(s) funeral service.
3. Officers are authorized to wear the "Black Band of Mourning" over their badge at any time specified by the Chief of Police or his/her designee.

G. Lost, Stolen, or Damaged Clothing and Equipment

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1. Any loss or damage to uniform or uniform equipment is to be reported to the employee's supervisor immediately.
2. All issued clothing and property is the individual responsibility of each officer.
3. Should any item of departmental equipment be stolen, lost, or damaged, a written report fully explaining the circumstances will be forwarded to the Chief of Police through the employee's chain of command.
4. The Chief of Police will make a determination of the method of replacement and will notify the officer of the replacement method, including:
 - a. Cash payment by the officer;
 - b. Replacement at the cost to the department; or
 - c. Replacement from the supply room excess with no charge to the officer.

H. Purchasing (COM 3.6.2)

1. All new officers will be given an initial uniform issue and will not be eligible for re-issue of items until the beginning of the following calendar year.
2. All items to be purchased will be approved by the Chief of Police prior to the order being placed or the purchase of the item.
3. No item of uniform is to be purchased from any source other than those vendors that have been approved by the Chief of Police.
4. All officers requesting equipment must submit a written request to the Chief of Police through their chain of command, which includes a description of the item to be purchased and the cost of the item.
5. Uniforms and associated equipment purchased with department funds remain the property of the Andover Police Department. When an employee terminates or retires, it will be the responsibility of the employee's immediate supervisor to ensure that all City-owned equipment and uniforms are returned to the department.