

Louisville Metro Police Department

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4.4 CLASS B UNIFORM

4.4.1 OVERVIEW

The Class B uniform is an optional tactical patrol uniform that may be purchased, and worn, by any officer, regardless of rank, at their discretion. All Class B uniform items will be in accordance with the current Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) uniform contract specifications, which can be found on the LMPD Intranet. Click on the "Research and Development" button, click on the "Other Information" link, and double click on the "Uniform Contracts" folder.

The Chief of Police, or their designee, may designate the appropriate uniform of the day to be worn during special events and according to the nature of the officer's assignment.

An example of the Class B uniform is available on the final page of this policy.

4.4.2 SHIRTS

- Navy 5.11 Brand Tactical Series—TacLite Class B shirt made of the approved material and design, navy Propper Brand Tactical shirt made of lightweight ripstop material or navy Elbeco Brand ADU shirt made of lightweight ripstop material.
- Standard shoulder patches will be worn on each sleeve. The patch will be centered on the shoulder epaulet and be worn ½ inch below the top shoulder seam.
- Officers will have a silver badge and commanding officers will have a gold badge embroidered on the left breast area.
- The member's first initial and last name will be embroidered on the right breast area. Lettering will be white for officers and gold for commanding officers.

4.4.3 T-SHIRTS

A black t-shirt with a plain ribbed crew neck or a black mock turtleneck of no more than two (2) inches will be worn under the short or long sleeve uniform shirt. V-neck t-shirts are prohibited. The sleeve of the t-shirt will not be visible when wearing a short sleeve shirt.

Unless specifically authorized for a particular uniform, full turtleneck shirts are not permitted.

4.4.4 PANTS

- Navy 5.11 Brand Tactical Series—TacLite Class B pants made of the approved material and design, navy Propper Brand Tactical pants made of lightweight ripstop material or navy Elbeco Brand ADU pants made of lightweight ripstop material.
- The hem will be of appropriate length, so there is no break in the front seam and no exposure of the sock.
- The pants will not be tucked into footwear.

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4.4.5 SOCKS

- Must be black or navy in color.

4.4.6 FOOTWEAR

- Black, smooth, plain-toed, leather or leather-like, shoes, or boots, with the heels and soles no greater in height than 1½ inches.
- “Cowboy-type” boots are prohibited.
- Shoes must be clean and free of tears or damage.
- Boots, overshoes, or other rubber footwear may be worn during periods of inclement weather. All such items must be black in color.

4.4.7 INNER BELT

- Black in color and made of the approved material.
- Must be worn under the gun belt, attached by belt keepers.

4.4.8 GUN BELT

- Officers have the option of black nylon or Clarino leather.
- Accessories must be the same style.

4.4.9 GUN BELT ACCESSORIES

Gun belt accessories will be organized based on the preference of the individual officer and must match the style of the gun belt. Gun belt accessories include:

- A maximum of one (1) double or triple magazine pouch, containing fully-loaded magazines.
- Departmentally-approved uniform holster (refer to SOP 4.13).
- Departmentally-approved uniform pistol (refer to SOP 4.13).
- Departmentally-approved handcuffs and case. Handcuffs will be either black in color or silver, chrome, or other natural colors of metal. Any other colors, excluding handcuffs that have been altered in color by the department, will not be used while on-duty or off-duty.
- Departmentally-approved Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW) and one (1) spare cartridge (optional for members assigned to plainclothes units and commanding officers with the rank of lieutenant or above).
- Departmentally-approved CEW holster, if applicable. The CEW holster will be positioned on the opposite side of the belt from the firearm.
- Minimum of three (3) belt keepers.

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4.4.9 GUN BELT ACCESSORIES (CONTINUED)

In addition, uniformed officers must wear a departmentally-approved impact weapon and/or Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray as intermediate weapons. If one is not carried, it must be readily available in the officer's vehicle. The following are departmentally-approved impact weapons:

- Standard baton. The baton will be black, with the length no less than 20 inches or more than 24 inches. The baton diameter will be no less than 1½ inches or more than 1¾ inches.
- ASP expandable baton and holder.
- Monadnock expandable baton and holder.
- Rapid Containment Expandable Baton (RCB) (21 inches in length) and holder.

Officers may wear one (1) patrol rifle magazine in a soft or hard pouch, black in color, and a departmentally-approved tourniquet and hard case, black in color, as optional gun belt accessories. Officers may wear their patrol rifle magazine in a soft or hard pouch, black in color, as an optional external vest accessory instead of on their gun belt.

4.4.10 OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS

Optional items that may be worn with the Class B uniform are the same as those for the Class A uniform, with the exception of the necktie and the sweater which are not allowed with the Class B uniform (refer to SOP 4.3).

The utility cap may be worn with the Class B uniform. The utility cap:

- Will be a navy blue, baseball-type cap.
- The Metro Police patch will be embroidered on the front and the word "POLICE" will be embroidered on the back. Lettering will be white for officers and gold for commanding officers.
- Will be worn with the bill facing forward at all times.

4.4.11 ALTERNATE BODY ARMOR CARRIER

The following body armor carrier is an optional Class B uniform item that may be purchased by officers:

- Point Blank Tailored Armor Carrier (TAC) (refer to SOP 4.11).
- Point Blank Outer Duty Carrier (ODC)—Laser Cut (refer to SOP 4.11).

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