



**Baltimore County Sheriff's Office
Towson, Maryland**

**Sheriff
R. Jay Fisher**

General Order

Subject: Uniforms and Equipment	Effective Date 6/24/16	Number A-16
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AMENDED INFORMATION

Members shall make the following change to General Order A-16. "Uniforms and Equipment" dated 07/18/11.

Add the following to: Page 12 under Section IV. Uniform Wear and Insignia, under AA:

BB. Ballistic Protective Soft Body Armor

1. Deputies, Sergeants and Security Officers *shall* wear soft body armor while assigned to the following duties: a. Court Security Duty, b. Road Squad Duty, c. Transportation Squad Duty, d. Entry Security Duty (Ground floor, First floor, Information desk, Garage), e. Warrant Squad Duty.
2. All members shall have their soft body armor available during their tour of duty, regardless of their assignment.
3. Members will not leave soft body armor exposed to sunlight or other sources of ultraviolet light for extended periods of time.
4. The armor panel will be laundered in accordance with the directions provided by the manufacturer and displayed on the panel. Washing of the armor panel will be kept at a minimum, but consistent with personal hygiene requirements. *Note: The washing and the drying period will not interfere with the required usage prescribed above.* The cloth carrier garment may be washed and dried by any conventional method.
5. Exemptions to wearing soft body armor may be acquired by obtaining a letter from a physician recommending an exemption for medical reasons. Such exemptions will be valid for one year and must be renewed annually until the medical condition no longer exists.

COMMUNICATION POLICY

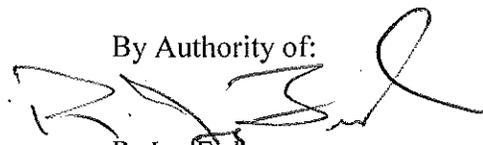
Supervisors shall be responsible for communication of this directive to their subordinates and ensure compliance. This directive is effective on the date of publication.

Remove from files: Amendment dated 6/26/12

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By Authority of:



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Sheriff