

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

NOTICE

July 1, 2025

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TO: All Commanding Officers

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: LOAD BEARING VEST WEARING STANDARDS - REMINDER

The Point-Blank LAPD Guardian External Uniform Load-Bearing Vest (EULBV) is the only load bearing vest (LBV) approved for officers to wear continuously with their basic uniform while performing their duties. The Uniform and Equipment Committee Notice dated February 26, 2024, Approval of the External Uniform Load-Bearing Vest, establishes the guidelines when wearing the EULBV.

All other tactical LBVs are not authorized for continuous wear while performing field duties. Officers may only wear the LBV and equipment under the following circumstances:

- Officers are involved in a tactical situation where a suspect is believed to be armed with a weapon that is capable of defeating concealable ballistic armor (e.g., high velocity handgun or rifle).
- Officers are involved in a tactical situation where they may require additional tactical equipment that would not normally be carried on the duty belt (i.e., Sam Browne), such as additional ammunition, portable water supply, medical trauma kit, etc.
- Officers are involved in pre-planned tactical events, such as a search warrant service, with the approval of the Watch Commander or Officer in Charge.

Note: Officers are reminded that once the tactical situation concludes, officers **shall** remove their LBV and return to their authorized daily uniform.

All LBVs and equipment pouches must be black in color.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Sergeant II Minh Ho, Equipment Assessment and Evaluation Coordinator, Training Bureau, at (213) 486-7090.

Respectfully,



JIM McDONNELL
Chief of Police

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Attachment

POINT BLANK LAPD GUARDIAN EXTERNAL UNIFORM LOAD BEARING VEST

(Front Side)



Gould & Goodrich attachments on the EULBV

- Magazine pouch
- Chemical irritant spray pouch
- Handcuff case
- Radio holder
- Axon Rapidlock Single MOLLE mount

(Back Side)

