

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

NOTICE

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**TO:** All Department Sworn Personnel

**FROM:** Chief of Police


**SUBJECT:** CLARIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES FOR DONNING  
HELMETS IN THE FIELD

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide clarification regarding the Department's procedures for donning helmets in the field.

Initially the incident commander will make the determination for officers to don helmets at an incident based on the tactical needs known at the time. However, officers will be allowed to carry helmets on their person with a Department approved carrying device. Based on changes that may take place during an ongoing event, the officer and/or their squad leader may choose to don their helmet when it reasonably appears necessary to protect himself or herself from an immediate threat of serious bodily injury.

The Department has approved an official Department approved carrying device available to officers working in field assignments. Training Division will coordinate with your respective training coordinators to issue officers helmet carriers. If an officer is in a tactical incident requiring them to carry a helmet and the officer has not yet received the carrying device, the officer may carry their helmets on either the key ring or a keeper.

Any questions regarding this memorandum may be directed to Personnel and Training Bureau, at (213) 486-7090.

  
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Chief of Police

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