

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

NOTICE
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TO: All Concerned Personnel

FROM: Chairperson, Uniform and Equipment Committee

SUBJECT: NEWLY APPROVED UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT ITEMS

The Uniform and Equipment Committee (UEC), and the Chief of Police, have approved the following uniform and equipment items:

1. APPROVAL TO INTERCHANGE CURRENT DEPARTMENT APPROVED PATROL RIFLE UPPER RECEIVERS AMONGST CURRENTLY DEPARTMENT APPROVED LOWER RECEIVERS

The Department has approved to amend the current patrol rifle specifications to allow interchangeability of authorized upper receivers and currently authorized lower receivers.

The Department primarily utilizes the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office program to acquire patrol rifles from the United States military. These rifles are excess inventory from the military and are typically older versions of the M16A1 rifle platform. This means they have a 1/12 twist rate in the rifles barrel and some do not have a forward assist button, which is designed to assist with malfunction related issues such as the bolt not fully seating.

The Department will alleviate poor ammunition performance related to the 1/12 twist rate by using modern upper receivers with a 1/7 or 1/8 or 1/9 twist rate, and will alleviate the risk of malfunction issues related to improperly seated bolt carrier groups through the usage of a forward assist. The service life of a rifle will be extended by simply changing the upper receiver when a rifle reaches its service life.

Officers wishing to interchange their upper and lower receivers shall only do so with currently approved receivers, shall only interchange a fully assembled upper receiver (which includes the original bolt carrier group, charging handle, and approved iron sights) with fully assembled lower receivers. The officer shall then have the rifle inspected by a Department armorer, and the officer will qualify with the new upper prior to field deployment.

2. APPROVAL OF PRODUCT EVALUATION OF 1911 AND 2011 PISTOLS

The current Department approved list of 1911 handguns was established in 2012 and only includes models manufactured by Kimber, Colt, and Springfield. Currently, the Special Weapons and Tactics unit is conducting a product evaluation of a 1911 pistol. This is necessary in order to facilitate this evaluation and look at all the models of 1911 pistols that may meet current Department specifications; as well as, expand and modify the Department's current 1911 pistol specifications.

As such, The Department has approved the product evaluation of 1911 and 2011 pistols for addition to the current approved list of 1911 pistols.

The Models that have been approved for evaluation for addition to the authorized list shall include but not limited to:

- Sig Sauer
- Wilson Combat
- STI 1911's
- STI 2011's
- Les Baer
- Nighthawk

3. APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER TO BE ISSUED AUTHORIZED SAFETY EQUIPMENT

The Department has approved the issuance of authorized safety equipment for the Department's Public Information Officer (PIO).

The protective equipment consists of the following items:

1. Ballistic Helmet labeled "PIO"
2. External Tactical Vest Carrier labeled "PIO"
3. Reflective Traffic Vest labeled "PIO"
4. Rain Gear
5. Pelican Flashlight with charger

4. APPROVAL OF EXEMPTION FOR DOCTOR'S NOTE REQUIREMENT AND 15.07 EMPLOYEE'S REPORT FOR LEATHER GEAR REPLACEMENT FOR LIGHTWEIGHT DUTY GEAR

The Department has approved the elimination of the requirement for a doctor's note for issuance of lightweight duty gear. The Department will allow any Department employee wishing to transition from traditional leather gear to the lightweight gear without the need for a doctor's note or a 15.7, Employee's Report. The justification being the lightweight gear is now the only Department issued duty gear.

Additionally, the Department has approved issuing the Bianchi Accumold Elite lightweight duty gear in hi-gloss finish with hidden snaps. Plain leather finish in both hidden snap and chrome snaps are still authorized.

5. APPROVAL OF TRANSIT SERVICES DIVISION PIN

The Department has approved Transit Services Division's (TSD) request for an identification pin to be worn by uniformed TSD personnel.

TSD's pin, is in the shape of the number 31 and therefore different from other area pins. The pin would be work in accordance with Department Manual Section 3/639.10, Area Identification Pins.

6. APPROVAL OF TEAM WENDY EXFIL BALLISTIC HELMET FOR METROPOLITAN (METRO) DIVISION SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS AND METRO K-9

The Department has approved the Team Wendy Exfil new ballistic helmets for Metropolitan Division SWAT and Metro K-9 only.

The current ballistic helmet for Metro SWAT is the Ops Core. The evaluation and requested approval of helmets, was conducted and submitted for approval to the Uniform and Equipment Committee. The Team Wendy Exfil, was described as outperforming the others evaluated. As such, the Committee recommended approval for SWAT and Metro K-9.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Sergeant Richard Evans, Uniform Coordinator, Personnel and Training Bureau, at (213) 486-7090.



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