

# UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

**NOTICE**  
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**TO:** All Concerned Personnel

**FROM:** Chairperson, Uniform and Equipment Committee

**SUBJECT:** MARCH 2020 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 OF THE GENTEX HGU-56/P HELICOPTER HELMET FOR AIR SUPPORT DIVISION**

The Gentex HGU-56/P Helicopter helmet has been approved for Air Support Division aircrew personnel. Currently, the Gentex HGU-56 Helicopter helmet is the only helmet that meets the Los Angeles Police Department specifications and meets United States Department Of Defense current standard (MilSpec) which are standards specifically for helicopters.

The Gentex HGU-56 Helicopter helmet will include the following:

- Electret microphone, flex boom 10" microphone cord
- HGU-56 maxillofacial shield kit installed
- Sunshield outer lens, grey in color
- HGU-56 inner dazzle laser protection lens
- Ultra-comfort liner sized to fit helmet
- Helmet volume control knob installed on the right side
- 300 OHM earphones inside helmet
- Mini-CEP kit installed with (2) pair ear tips
- Helmet coiled cord, TP120 plug for volume control
- NVG low profile battery pack mount, made from aircraft grade aluminum, mounted on the rear of the helmet
- Quick disconnect NVG mount
- White in color

The helmet has been approved as part of the safety equipment for Air Support Division aircrew personnel.

## **2. APPROVAL OF THE DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY OLEORESIN CAPSICUM (OC) POCKET TACTICAL GRENADE FOR SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS ONLY**

The Defense Technology Pocket Tactical Grenade containing Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) has been approved to be added to the list of approved pyrotechnic delivery devices for Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) only. The same munitions manufactured by Defense Technology in Chlorobenzalmalononitrile (CS) is currently approved and listed in the Uniform and Equipment Manual for SWAT.

Deployment protocols, reporting procedures, storage and training requirements will remain unchanged.

## **3. APPROVAL OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT BICYCLE PATROL GLOVES MANUFACTURED BY BELLWETHER**

The Bellwether Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) full finger version gloves have been approved as part of the LAPD bicycle uniform. The gloves are part of the safety equipment issued to personnel assigned to any bicycle detail. The gloves have the ability to be cut at the mid first finger joint without the glove fraying.

The specifications for the LAPD Bellwether Uniform gloves are as follows:

- Black neoprene knuckle panel
- Black Velcro wrist closure
- Black neoprene cuff
- Black .08 mm panel wraps over the thumb
- Black short knapp padded terry panel with stitch detail top of thumb
- Silkscreened graphics "LAPD" on top hand panel
- 2mm foam padding sewn under stretch spandex on top of fingers
- Black .05mm tactile grip material on ends of all four fingertips
- Black .08mm palm panel of 2-piece palm design
- Two piece palm
- Black .05mm tactile grip palm patch is cut long to form a pull tab at inside wrist
- 2mm foam panels sewn under .05mm tactile grip palm patch
- Palm cut extends over ball of thumb
- Dark LAPD blue or black stretch cloth back panel to cover thumb (palm panel to wrap around inside of thumb)
- Short finger gloves have fingers cut off mid first joint of finger with quick pull tabs on underside of fingers

Currently, Bellwether Uniforms is a sole source provider for this glove, as they have manufactured the glove to custom LAPD specifications for over two years.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Sergeant II Salvatore De Bella, Equipment Assessment and Evaluation Coordinator or Police Officer III Christina Ambriz, Assistant Equipment Assessment and Evaluation Coordinator, Personnel and Training Bureau, at (213) 486-7090.

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