

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE EQP-010, BODY ARMOR VESTS

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RELATED DOCUMENTS: EQP-007	RELATED CALEA STANDARDS: 17.5.2, 41.3.5, 41.3.6

I. POLICY

The Illinois State Police (ISP) will:

- I.A. Require the use of department-issued or personally owned Level II or higher body armor by ISP personnel.
- I.B. Allow sworn personnel to personally purchase and wear departmentally approved Level II or higher body armor; however, the individual is solely responsible for repair, replacement, and proper fit of personally purchased body armor.
- I.C. Provide Level II or higher body armor as certified by the National Institute of Justice for the safety and protection of sworn personnel.

NOTE: ISP Inspectors who have been issued body armor vests will follow the policies in this directive.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES

II.A. Work unit commanders or their designees are responsible for ensuring:

- II.A.1. Sworn personnel are issued body armor
- II.A.2. Alterations are made as soon as reasonably possible for personnel who require refitting (alterations of new body armor must be made within 30 days of shipment from the factory)
- II.A.3. Body armor assigned to the work unit is stored in a dry, secure area
- II.A.4. Maintain a checkout sheet to ensure body armor assigned to the unit can be located and/or inspected at all times
- II.A.5. Surplus body armor is inspected annually and replaced when appropriate
- II.A.6. Body armor provided or authorized by the Department or otherwise directed by detail commanders or supervisors to be worn, will be properly worn as directed by the manufacturer using only the outer garments recommended by the specific manufacturer as panel carriers.

II.B. All sworn personnel using personally purchased body armor will notify the supervisor of the make and model. The supervisor will forward this information through the chain-of-command to the District Commander.

II.C. Personnel assigned to patrol duties will wear issued or approved body armor.

III. PROCEDURES

III.A. Personnel will wear issued or approved body armor when engaged in general police activities to include:

- III.A.1. Answering calls for assistance
- III.A.2. Dignitary security
- III.A.3. Patrol
- III.A.4. Special patrols, e.g., special federal hireback patrols
- III.A.5. Traffic direction, e.g., state fair or football details, etc.

- III.B. Personnel will wear issued or approved body armor when assigned to pre-planned or high risk operational and training activities to include all:
 - III.B.1. Building searches
 - III.B.2. Crowd control situations
 - III.B.3. Domestic disturbance calls
 - III.B.4. Hostage/barricaded subject situations
 - III.B.5. Live-fire firearms training
 - III.B.6. Planned arrest situations, with or without a warrant, and search warrant executions
 - III.B.7. Potentially dangerous-person searches
 - III.B.8. Prison riots
 - III.B.9. Raids
 - III.B.10. Stakeouts
 - III.B.11. Surveillance or "Knock and Talk" details involving individuals who have a history of violence or the propensity for violence
- III.C. Detail commanders or supervisors may order the wearing of issued or approved body armor for any other detail or event they deem appropriate.
- III.D. Sworn personnel will immediately notify their supervisor if the issued body armor needs repair or replacement and schedule an appointment with the Quartermaster.
- III.E. Supervisors may inspect subordinates' body armor for maintenance, wear, and proper fit.
- III.F. The Quartermaster Section will provide sworn personnel a refitting notification in advance of the expiration of their issued body armor.
 - III.F.1. Sworn personnel are required to be refitted for replacement body armor at one of the designated locations and by the date provided by the Quartermaster in the refitting notification.
 - III.F.2. Upon receipt of new body armor, sworn personnel are required to return their old body armor to the Quartermaster.
- III.G. When the cotton/polyester ballistic panel carrier of issued body armor has deteriorated, such as fabric fraying/abrasion, weave raveling, fiber flex fatigue, or severe staining, a memorandum stating size and style will be forwarded by sworn personnel, through the chain-of-command, to the Quartermaster. The new carrier will be issued, if it is in stock, or ordered for the requestor.
- III.H. Recommended care instructions for the issued carrier, ballistic panels, and trauma pack insert:
 - III.H.1. Remove ballistic panels from the front and back of the carrier.
 - III.H.2. DO NOT WASH OR DRY CLEAN THE BALLISTIC PANELS.
 - III.H.2.a. Clean the outer cover of the ballistic panel according to manufacturer instructions. DO NOT IMMERSE IN WATER.
 - III.H.2.b. Allow outer cover to air dry. DO NOT DRY IN CLOTHES DRYER.
 - III.H.3. Machine wash the carrier according to manufacturer instructions.

- III.H.4. DO NOT USE BLEACH.
- III.H.5. The hook and loop fastener will be in the closed position during the washing cycle and air-drying process.
- III.H.6. Carrier must be completely dry before re-inserting the ballistic panels.
- III.I. Before surrendering body armor to the Quartermaster, officers **must clean the body armor** (see section III.H.).

| Indicates new or revised items.

-End of Directive-