
Body Armor

1012.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide law enforcement officers with guidelines for the proper use of body armor.

1012.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Urbana Police Department to maximize officer safety through the use of body armor in combination with prescribed safety procedures. While body armor provides a significant level of protection, it is not a substitute for the observance of officer safety procedures.

1012.2.1 INTERNS AND RIDEALONGS POLICY

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1012.3 ISSUANCE OF BODY ARMOR

The Field Training Unit Supervisor shall ensure that body armor is issued to all officers when the officer begins service at the Urbana Police Department and that, when issued, the body armor meets or exceeds the standards of the National Institute of Justice.

The Department shall establish a body armor replacement schedule, in consultation with the Deputy Chief of Police, and ensure that replacement body armor is issued pursuant to this schedule or whenever the body armor becomes worn or damaged to the point that its effectiveness or functionality has been compromised.

The Department will repair or replace any body armor damaged in the line of duty or rendered unserviceable because of normal wear and tear.

If body armor is damaged and requires repair or replacement as a result of any of the following conditions, the officers will be responsible for all costs associated with the repair or replacement of the body armor:

- (a) Failure to properly maintain body armor
- (b) Damage caused by an officer's negligence
- (c) Damage that occurs when not in the line of duty
- (d) Theft or loss of the body armor as a result of the officer's negligence
- (e) Due to weight loss or gain

Upon discontinuation of employment, officers shall return body armor to the Department.

1012.3.1 USE OF SOFT BODY ARMOR

Generally, the use of body armor is required subject to the following:

- (a) Officers shall only wear the most currently issued agency-approved body armor.

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1012.3.4 WARRANTY PERIODS

All body armor shall be replaced before or at the expiration of the warranty at the Department's expense (50 ILCS 712/10).

1012.4 FIELD TRAINING UNIT SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Field Training Unit Supervisor should:

- (a) Monitor technological advances in the body armor industry for any appropriate changes to Department approved body armor.



- (c) Provide training that educates officers about the safety benefits of wearing body armor.

1012.5 FUNDING

The Rangemaster should coordinate with other Urbana officials as appropriate to ensure grant funding is sought as appropriate (50 ILCS 712/10). The Rangemaster should also ensure that Department procedures are not in conflict with the terms of any applicable grant.