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Body Armor Wear Policy
City of Sunbury Public Safety Department
Code Officer

Resolution 2022-51

Effective Date _____

1. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to provide sworn members of the Sunbury Code Enforcement with guidelines for the proper use and care of body armor.

NOTE: Beginning in _____ 2022, all officers receiving new body armor through the City of Sunbury

must comply with this policy.

2. POLICY:

It is the policy of the Sunbury Code Office 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.

3. DEFINITIONS:

Field Activities: Duty assignments and/or tasks that place or could reasonably be expected to place officers in situations where they would be required to act in defensive mode rather than administrative or support capacities.

Officers: As of 2022 all sworn Code Enforcement Officers of Sunbury Code Enforcement, regardless of rank who accept body Armor through the City of Sunbury.

4. PROCEDURES:

A. Issuance of Body Armor:

1. All body armor issued must comply with protective and related requirements prescribed under current standards of the National Institute of Justice or its' successor agency.



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2. All officers shall be issued agency-approved body armor.
3. Body armor that is worn or damaged shall be replaced by the Department. Body armor that must be replaced due to misuse or abuse by the officer shall be paid for by the officer.
4. Body armor that is lost shall be replaced by the Office at their cost. Current vest and protective plates must be replaced to meet the standard of the department.

B. Use of Body Armor:

1. Officers shall wear only agency-approved body armor.
2. Officers that are assigned to the uniformed function are required to wear body armor during their shift while engaged in field activities at the discretion of the Public Safety Supervisor. In addition, all officers must wear protective vests during high risk and/or tactical situations. In addition to those times that an Officer is required by the Public Safety Supervisor to wear body armor, each officer is encouraged to wear their body armor, while performing their official duties only, at other times and in other situations where they believe that safety concerns may exist. At no time shall any officer wear their body armor while not in performance of their official duties relative to their employment by the City of Sunbury

Examples of “high risk” or “tactical”:

- 1). Service of Administrative Search Warrants.
- 2). Placarding of homes for safety and/or sanitation.
- 3). Placarding of homes for Utility shut-off.
- 4). High Crime Homes.