

Louisville Metro Police Department

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4.5 CLASS C UNIFORM

4.5.1 OVERVIEW

The Class C uniform is an optional patrol uniform that may be purchased, and worn, by any officer, regardless of rank, at their discretion. All Class C uniform items will be in accordance with the current Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) uniform contract specifications, which can be found on the LMPD Intranet. Click on the "Research and Development" button, click on the "Other Information" link, and double click on the "Uniform Contracts" folder.

The Chief of Police, or their designee, may designate the appropriate uniform of the day to be worn during special events and according to the nature of the officer's assignment.

An example of the Class C uniform is available on the final page of this policy.

4.5.2 SHIRTS

- Navy blue polo shirt that closely matches the color and material of the shorts/pants.
- Officers will have a silver badge and commanding officers will have a gold badge embroidered on the left breast area.
- Standard shoulder patches will be worn on each sleeve. The patch will be centered on the shoulder, ½ inch below the seam.
- The member's first initial and last name will be embroidered on the right breast area. Lettering will be white for officers and gold for commanding officers.
- "METRO POLICE" will be printed in silver lettering, centered on the back of the shirt.

4.5.3 SHORTS

- Navy 5.11 Brand Tactical Series-TacLite Class C shorts made of the approved material and design, or navy Proper Brand Tactical shorts made of lightweight ripstop material. Shorts may only be worn by members of All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV), Bicycle and Electric Standup Vehicle (ESV), and River Patrol.

4.5.4 PANTS

- The approved Class B uniform pants may also be worn (refer to SOP 4.4).

4.5.5 SOCKS

- Must be low-cut cotton and black or navy.

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4.5.6 FOOTWEAR

- Solid black athletic shoes.
- Shoes must be clean and free of tears or damage.
- If wearing the Class B uniform pants, the approved Class B uniform footwear may be worn.

4.5.7 INNER BELT

- Black and made of the approved material.
- Must be worn under the gun belt, attached by belt keepers.

4.5.8 GUN BELT

- Black nylon web gear.
- Accessories must be the same style.
- If wearing the Class B uniform pants, the black Clarino leather belt may be worn.

4.5.9 GUN BELT ACCESSORIES

Gun belt accessories will be organized based on the preference of the individual officer. Gun belt accessories include:

- A maximum of one (1) double or triple magazine pouch, containing fully-loaded magazines.
- Departmentally-approved uniform holster (refer to SOP 4.13).
- Departmentally-approved uniform pistol (refer to SOP 4.13).
- Departmentally-approved handcuffs and case. Handcuffs will be either black or silver, chrome, or other natural colors of metal. Any other colors, excluding handcuffs that have been altered by the department, will not be used while on-duty or off-duty.
- Departmentally-approved Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW) and one (1) spare cartridge (optional for members assigned to plainclothes units and commanding officers with the rank of lieutenant or above).
- Departmentally-approved CEW holster, if applicable. The CEW holster will be positioned on the opposite side of the belt from the firearm.
- Minimum of three (3) belt keepers.

In addition, uniformed officers must wear a departmentally-approved impact weapon and/or Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray as intermediate weapons. If one is not carried, it must be readily available in the officer's vehicle. The following are departmentally-approved impact weapons:

- Standard baton. The baton will be black, with the length no less than 20 inches or more than 24 inches. The baton diameter will be no less than 1½ inches or more than 1¾ inches.
- ASP expandable baton and holder.
- Monadnock expandable baton and holder.
- Rapid Containment Expandable Baton (RCB) (21 inches in length) and holder.

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4.5.9 GUN BELT ACCESSORIES (CONTINUED)

Officers may wear one (1) patrol rifle magazine in a soft or hard pouch, black in color, and a departmentally-approved tourniquet and hard case, black in color, as optional gun belt accessories. Officers may wear their patrol rifle magazine in a soft or hard pouch, black in color, as an optional external vest accessory instead of on their gun belt.

4.5.10 OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS

The jackets, gloves, and rain jacket outlined in SOP 4.3 and the utility cap outlined in SOP 4.4 may be worn.

4.5.11 ALTERNATE BODY ARMOR CARRIER

The following body armor carrier is an optional Class C uniform item that may be purchased by officers:

- Point Blank Tailored Armor Carrier (TAC) (refer to SOP 4.11).
- Point Blank Outer Duty Carrier (ODC)—Laser Cut (refer to SOP 4.11).

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