

# Louisville Metro Police Department

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## 4.6 CLASS D UNIFORM

### 4.6.1 DEFINITION

The Class D uniform is an optional uniform that may be worn by specialty units. The unit commander and the Chief of Police, or their designee, will decide which options are suitable, based on the particular job functions. Division/section/unit commanders, through the Chief of Police, may authorize additional uniform options not covered under policy. All Class D 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.

### 4.6.2 SHIRTS

- White, black, gray, navy, or red polo shirt (short or long sleeve).
- The Metro Police patch will be embroidered on the left breast area.
- The member's first initial and last name will be embroidered on the right breast area. Lettering will be navy (on white, gray, or red shirts) or silver (on black or navy shirts) for officers and gold for commanding officers.
- The unit or team name may be added to the left breast area near the patch. The lettering will be in the same color as the member's name.
- Standard shoulder patches are optional and may be worn on each sleeve. The patch will be centered on the shoulder, ½ inch below the top shoulder seam.

### 4.6.3 PANTS

- Class B uniform style pants in navy or tan.
- Class C uniform style shorts in navy or tan.
- Dress pants in navy or tan.

### 4.6.4 SOCKS

- Must be black or navy in color.

### 4.6.5 FOOTWEAR

- Class B footwear will be worn with Class B pants (refer to SOP 4.4).
- Class C footwear will be worn with Class C shorts (refer to SOP 4.5).
- Black or brown close-toed, low heel dress shoes may be worn with dress pants.

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#### 4.6.5 FOOTWEAR (CONTINUED)

- “Cowboy-type” boots are prohibited.
- Shoes must be clean and free of tears or damage.
- Boots, overshoes, or other rubber footwear may be worn during periods of inclement weather. All such items must be black in color.

#### 4.6.6 INNER BELT

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

#### 4.6.7 GUN BELT

Division majors will determine which units require a gun belt to be worn.

If the gun belt is to be worn, the following will apply:

- Black nylon web gear.
- Accessories must be the same style.

#### 4.6.8 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 in color or silver, chrome, or other natural colors of metal. Any other colors, excluding handcuffs that have been altered in color 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:

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## 4.6.8 GUN BELT ACCESSORIES (CONTINUED)

- 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.

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.

If a gun belt is not worn, officers will have the same equipment required by plainclothes officers, either on them or readily accessible, while in their Class D uniform (refer to SOP 4.12).

## 4.6.9 OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS

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