

# Louisville Metro Police Department

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## 4.3 CLASS A UNIFORM

### 4.3.1 DEFINITION

The Class A uniform is the standard uniform to be worn by all officers, both on-duty and while engaging in secondary employment. All sworn members will possess and maintain a Class A uniform. All Class A 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.

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

### 4.3.2 SERVICE HAT

- Will be worn as directed by competent authority.
- Must be available to uniformed officers at all times, unless otherwise designated.
- Will be worn in military manner, level on the head, with the proper cap shield for rank, side buttons, cap strap, and grommets.
- The visor will be shiny black, with oak leaves adorning the visor of majors or higher ranks.
- Black or clear cap covers may be worn during inclement weather.
- A high visibility cap cover may be worn when wearing other high-visibility clothing, such as a rain coat.

### 4.3.3 SHIRTS

- Navy in color and made of the approved material and design.
- Standard shoulder patches will be worn on each sleeve. The patch will be centered with the shoulder epaulet and be worn ½ inch below the top shoulder seam.

### 4.3.4 T-SHIRTS

A white or black t-shirt with a plain ribbed crew neck, or white mock turtleneck of no more than two (2) inches, will be worn under the short sleeve uniform shirt. V-neck t-shirts are prohibited with the short sleeve uniform shirt. The sleeve of the t-shirt must not be visible when wearing a short sleeve shirt.

A black t-shirt with a plain ribbed crew neck, or black mock turtleneck of no more than two (2) inches, will be worn under the long sleeve uniform shirt. No lettering, logo, or other marking may be visible.

Unless specifically authorized for a particular uniform, full turtleneck shirts are not permitted.

### 4.3.5 PANTS

- Navy in color and made of the approved material and design.

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### 4.3.5 PANTS (CONTINUED)

- Either standard four (4) pockets or six (6) pockets, with a concealed cargo pocket design.
- The hem will be of appropriate length, so there is no break in the front seam and no exposure of the sock.
- The pants will not be tucked into footwear.

### 4.3.6 SOCKS

- Must be black or navy in color.

### 4.3.7 FOOTWEAR

- Must be black, smooth, plain-toed, leather, shoes, or boots, with heels and soles no greater in height than 1½ inches.
- “Cowboy” type boots are prohibited.
- Shoes must be Clarino or highly-polished leather.
- Boots, overshoes, or other rubber footwear may be worn during periods of inclement weather. All such items must be black in color.

### 4.3.8 INNER BELT

- Must be smooth leather and black in color.
- Must be worn under the gun belt, attached by belt keepers.

### 4.3.9 GUN BELT

- Black Clarino leather with hidden snaps.
- Belt will be smooth with four (4) rows of stitching.
- Buckle will be silver for officers and gold for commanding officers.
- Accessories must be the same style.

### 4.3.10 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).

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### 4.3.10 GUN BELT ACCESSORIES (CONTINUED)

- 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:

- Standard baton. The baton will be black in color, 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 their gun belt.

### 4.3.11 OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS

#### Necktie

- Must be clip-on type or quick disconnect-type and navy in color.
- May only be worn with the long sleeve Class A uniform shirt or v-neck sweater. If a necktie is worn, it must be tucked beneath the shirt between the second and third buttons from the collar.

#### Jackets

- Heavy winter jackets will be navy in color. Previously issued black is acceptable, until such time that it is necessary to replace the jacket, or until such time as the Chief of Police deems appropriate.
- "Chill Chaser" lightweight jackets (windbreaker style) will be black or navy in color.
- Polyester soft-shell jackets will be black in color.

All of the above jackets will have LMPD shoulder patches, a badge patch (silver for officers, gold for commanding officers) on the left breast area and a name strip (silver for officers, gold for commanding officers) on the right breast area. All jackets will be of the material and design of current contract standards. Any of the above jackets may be worn year-round at the discretion of the member.

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### 4.3.11 OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS (CONTINUED)

#### Sweater

- May be either v-neck or crew neck, black in color, long sleeve pullover type.

#### Gloves

- Must be smooth leather and black in color.

#### Winter Hats

- Black fur, trooper in design.
- Toboggans may be worn, but they must be black, "watch cap" military design. Toboggans must fit close to the head. Toboggans will not have logos or markings.
- Black earmuffs may be worn.

#### Scarves

- Black or navy scarves may be worn if tucked inside of the jacket.

#### Rain Jacket

- Black/yellow reversible style with optional hood.

#### External Vest Carrier

- Must match the material and design of the currently approved Class A uniform shirt.
- Must fit over the issued body armor and concealable carrier together; ballistic panels must not be taken out of the manufacturer's carrier.
- Must utilize the metal buttons, nameplate, and badge of the Class A uniform.
- Will be worn in conjunction with the base layer shirt to emulate the appearance of the standard Class A uniform shirt while the member is in view of the public.

#### Base Layer Shirt

- Combination material shirt with collar, chest, sleeves, and shoulder areas constructed of material identical to the Class A uniform shirt and abdomen area consisting of color-matching, moisture-wicking material.
- Standard shoulder patches will be worn on each sleeve. The patch will be centered with the shoulder and be worn ½ inch below the top shoulder seam.
- Must be worn in conjunction with the Class A uniform external vest carrier to emulate the appearance of the standard Class A uniform shirt while the member is in view of the public.

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