

Body Armor

1006.1 BODY ARMOR

Agency Content

The protective vest either Department issued, or personally owned, must be a Threat Level II or greater.

Examples of approved vests are:

- (a) Protective Apparel Corporation of America (PACA), N24 style SNY.
- (b) American Body Armor (ABA), Extreme SX, Extreme HP, Extreme XT.
- (c) Second Chance Body Armor, Summit, Summit ST, Monarch, Prism MT.
- (d) Point Blank Body Armor, AXII, AXIIA.

Protective Vest - Soft Body Armor Covers:

- (a) Mandatory for all sworn officers.
- (b) Protective vest covers that are issued by the Department or that are personally owned shall be a properly fitted for Threat Level II or greater, body armor panels.
 - 1. Protective vest covers may be blue, black, grey, or white in color.
- (c) An approved uniform shirt protective vest cover may be worn as the outside garment when the badge and nameplate are properly affixed to the garment.
 - 1. All approved uniform shirt protective vest covers will be navy blue in color.
 - (a) Examples of approved uniform shirt protective vest covers are:
 - 1. Armorskin Wool Blend Vest cover model 8470 or,
 - 2. Protective Apparel Corporation of America (PACA) or Second Chance equivalent.
- (d) An approved quilted protective vest cover may be worn on the outside of the long sleeve shirt, provided it is not the outer most garment displayed.
- (e) The above listed personnel not assigned to outside duties shall keep the body armor vest covers readily available at all times within a Syracuse Police Department facility.

Optional Load-Bearing Protective Vest Carrier:

- (a) A Safariland outer protective vest carrier is the only approved load-bearing vest carrier that may be worn as the outer most garment.
 - 1. The Safariland load-bearing vest carrier must be midnight blue in color.
 - 2. Officers may carry handcuffs, flashlights, medical kits, rifle magazines, and additional handgun magazines in/on the outer cover.
 - (a) On-duty patrol officers must **MUST** keep his/her primary magazines on his/her duty belt at all times.
 - 3. No weapons systems may be worn on the outer carrier, including Tasers.

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4. Badge and nametag must be affixed to the outer cover.
 - (a) Attachable "POLICE" patches shall be affixed to both the front and back of the outer cover.
 1. "POLICE" patches will be white in color for police officers and gold in color for the ranks of sergeant and above.