



Policy Number: 703 – Personal Protective Equipment
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703.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy identifies the different types of personal protective equipment (PPE) provided by the Department, as well as the requirements and guidelines for the use of PPE.

This policy does not address ballistic vests, as it is addressed in Department Policy 1006 - Body Armor.

703.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Personal protective equipment (PPE) - Equipment that protects a person from serious workplace injuries or illnesses resulting from contact with chemical, radiological, physical, electrical, mechanical or other workplace hazards.

Respiratory PPE - Any device that is worn by the user to protect from exposure to atmospheres where there is smoke, low levels of oxygen, high levels of carbon monoxide, or the presence of toxic gases or other respiratory hazards. For purposes of this policy, respiratory protection equipment does not include particulate-filtering masks such as N95 or N100 masks.

703.2 POLICY

The Department endeavors to protect employees by supplying certain PPE to members as provided in this policy.

703.3 OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

Members are required to use PPE as provided in this policy and pursuant to their training.

Members are responsible for proper maintenance and storage of issued PPE. PPE should be stored in an appropriate location so that it is available when needed.

Any member who identifies hazards in the workplace is encouraged to recommend new or improved PPE or additional needs for PPE.

703.4 HEARING PROTECTION

Approved hearing protection shall be used by officers during firearms training.

Hearing protection shall meet or exceed the requirements provided in 29 CFR § 1910.95 (ARM 24.30.102).

703.5 EYE PROTECTION

Approved eye protection shall be used by officers during firearms training. Eye protection for officers who wear prescription lenses shall incorporate the prescription (i.e. eye protection that can be worn over prescription lenses). Officers shall ensure their eye protection does not interfere with the fit of their hearing protection.

The Rangemaster shall ensure eye protection meets or exceeds the requirements provided in 29 CFR § 1910.133 (ARM 24.30.102).

703.6 HEAD AND BODY PROTECTION

Members who make arrests or control crowds during civil unrest should be provided ballistic head protection with an attachable face shield.

Padded body protection consisting of chest, arm, leg and groin protection should be provided.

703.7 RECORDS

The Patrol Sergeant is responsible for maintaining records of all PPE training. The records shall be maintained in accordance with the Department records retention schedule and 29 CFR 1910.1020 (ARM 24.30.102).

703.8 TRAINING

Department members should be trained in the hazards to which they may be potentially exposed during routine and emergency situations.