

	<b>LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICY</b>	Number: <b>G.O. 7.07</b>
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<b>CHAPTER:</b> Patrol		Related Policy: G.O. 7.03 (Issued Patrol Equipment)
<b>SUBJECT: Wearing of Protective Vests</b>		Related Laws:

**POLICY:** Protective vests are issued to all sworn deputies, supervisors, and command officers authorized by the Sheriff's Office to carry a firearm.

**RULE (s):**

1. Protective vests shall be worn by uniformed members at all times while on duty.
2. Protective vests shall be kept readily available by non-uniformed members and shall be worn any time members are participating in a pre-planned, high-risk situation or at any other time the wearing of a protective vest is deemed appropriate by supervisory or command officers, based on the assignment and potential danger.

**PROCEDURE**

I. Maintenance

- A. Sheriff's Office members who have been issued protective vests are responsible to provide care and maintenance, in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, of their issued protective vests.
- B. Members are required to report any repair or replacement needs to their supervisor, who will ensure repair and/or replacement occurs.

II. Replacement

- A. Protective vests shall be replaced in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations or every five years.

III. Exceptions

- A. May be approved by the Division Commander.

1. For special duty assignments where the wearing of the protective vest would place the uniformed member in greater potential danger (example: Marine Patrol on water patrol and water rescue).
  2. Ceremonial events (example: Honor Guard).
- B. Search and Rescue.
- C. Correction staff while inside the jail or Community Corrections Center unless mandated by Post Orders or Division Manual.
- D. Police Service staff while inside secure areas of the Sheriff's Office when not in physical proximity of the public when interacting (example writing reports in the report room).