

Protective Outerwear

Supersedes:

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The Department has issued protective outerwear, consisting of a jacket and pant combination garment, and boots. This outerwear can provide additional protection against abrasions, cuts, and blood-borne pathogens; however, all precautions possible should be taken for protection against exposure to liquid-borne pathogens.

The garment is not for use in any structural firefighting. It may afford protection against some chemical exposures, such as riot control agents. See manufacturers *User Information Guide* for further.

1. Department members will maintain their issued protective outerwear in good, clean condition. The garment should be visually inspected before and after each use for tears, holes, or cuts in the fabric. Any significant damage to the garment must be reported to the Support Services Manager immediately.
2. Lost or stolen protective outerwear may present a significant risk to other public safety agencies, and a monetary loss to the department. Department members will secure their equipment in a safe place and exercise due diligence in maintaining control over the equipment at all times.
3. If protective outerwear is lost or stolen, Department members must immediately file a police report in the municipality where the incident occurred, and notify the appropriate supervisor. Copies of said police reports and a Department incident report must be filed immediately with the Bureau of Professional Standards and the Support Services Manager.
4. Department members are required to secure their protective outerwear in their assigned vehicle, or work area, while on duty and to maintain it in a condition of operational readiness.
5. Under the following circumstances, wearing the Department issued protective jacket, at a minimum, is **mandatory**:
 - 5.1. Any extrication involving heavy rescue tools.
 - 5.2. Any Explosive Ordnance Device stand-by.
 - 5.3. Fire Stand-bys.
 - 5.4. At the discretion of the Superintendent-in-Chief or designee.