



Yuma County Sheriff's Office

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211.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the standard authorized duty uniform a duty gear, operational duty attire and specialty unit attire for deputies and detention officers of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office ("Office").

211.2 POLICY

This office authorizes and requires duty uniforms, optional duty uniforms, specialty uniforms and duty gear for employees so that employees may perform their job responsibilities safely and maintain a professional appearance. Professional uniforms also enable the public to easily identify representatives of the Office.

211.3 DEFINITIONS

None

211.4 UNIFORMS- ALL UNIFORMED PERSONNEL

All uniformed personnel shall wear the standard duty uniform, clean and neatly pressed unless authorized to wear optional duty uniform.

I. UNIFORM DESIGNATIONS

- A. CLASS A:** Long sleeve silver tan shirt with rank insignia, badge, name tag, dark brown Wrangler-style pants made of polyester; dark brown clip on tie; black roper-style boots; utility belt and gear; brown Stratton self-forming straw trooper-style hat (Style 90DB) with gold band and acorns for Patrol Bureau officers (not required for Detention Bureau). Service medals shall be worn.

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Brown-border gold, years-in-service, stripes worn on left sleeve, approximately one (1) inch above the cuff line. Officer with the rank insignia will wear patches one half inch (1/2") below the office patch

B. CLASS B: Long sleeve silver tan shirt with rank insignia, badge name tag, dark brown Wrangler-style pants made of polyester OR dark brown Department approved /issued utility-styled pants; khaki or tan black round-toed boots, utility belt and gear, Service medals may be worn. Officers with rank insignia will wear patches one-half inch (1/2") below the Office patch. Brown-border gold, years in service, service stripes may be worn on the left sleeve of long sleeve shirts, approximately one (1) inch above the cuff line.

1. Brown Stratton self- forming straw trooper-styled hat (Style 90DB) with gold band and acorns for Patrol Bureau officers (not required for Detention Bureau), approved white straw western style hat or approved dark brown cold weather watch style cap may be worn.
2. A khaki or tan Boonie hat baseball cap with an embroidered Office emblem may be worn while exposed to outside elements during extended investigations; e.g. serious injury/fatal collisions, maintaining perimeter security during warrant service. These hats are not to be worn while conducting regular patrol functions.
3. Khaki or tan round-toed boots are only authorized with dark brown Office approved/issued utility-styled pants. Khaki or tan round-toed boots will **not** be worn with Wrangler-style pants or to any court related functions, e.g., trials or witness interviews.

C. CLASS C: Short sleeve silver tan shirt with rank insignia, badge, name tag, dark brown Wrangler-style pants made of polyester OR dark brown Department approved /issued utility-style pants; black, khaki or tan round-toed boots, utility belt and gear, Service medals may be worn. The rank patches will be centered between the bottom of the Office patch and the edge of the sleeve. If the sleeve of the short sleeve uniform is too short to accommodate the rank patches as outlines in this policy, the officer has the option of wearing the rank insignia of highly polished yellow metal one half inch (1/2") perpendicular to the collar. (See attached diagram)

1. Brown Stratton self- forming straw trooper-styled hat (Style 90DB) with gold band and acorns for Patrol Bureau officers (not required for Detention Bureau), approved white straw western style hat or approved dark brown cold weather watch style cap may be worn.
2. A khaki or tan Boonie hat baseball cap with an embroidered Office emblem may be worn while exposed to outside elements during extended investigations; e.g. serious injury/fatal collisions, maintaining perimeter security during warrant service. These hats are not to be worn while conducting regular patrol functions.
3. Khaki or tan round-toed boots are only authorized with dark brown Office approved/issued utility-styled pants. Khaki or tan round-toed boots will **not** be worn with Wrangler-style pants or to any court related functions, e.g., trials or witness interviews.

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D. CLASS D: An Office approved light-weight polo shirt with a no-roll collar in light brown or beige with the Yuma County Sheriff's Office accepted logo, e.g., "Sheriff's Office", and the star embroidered on the left pocket; the officer's name may be embroidered on the right pocket; dark brown Department approved/issued utility-style pants; black, khaki or tan round-toe boots, utility belt. The rank insignia can be of highly polished yellow metal one half inch (1/2") perpendicular to the collar. (See attached diagram)

1. A class D uniform will **not** be worn to any court related functions, e.g., trials or witness interviews.
2. A class D uniform will only be worn during lake details and special duty.
3. A brown, khaki, or tan baseball cap or Boonie hat with an embroidered office emblem may be worn.

E. CLASS E: Long sleeve khaki or tan, under carrier shirt with no roll collar with rank insignia, dark brown department approved/issued utility style pants, black, khaki or tan round-toed boots, utility belt and gear.

1. A class E uniform will **not** be worn to any court-related functions, e.g., trials or witness interviews.
2. A khaki or tan Boonie hat or baseball cap with an embroidered Office emblem may be worn. These hats are not to be worn while conducting regular patrol functions.

Approved white straw western-style hat or approved dark brown cold weather watch style cap may be worn.

A class E uniform will only be worn during Stone Garden, Lake, and Special Duty.

II. ATTIRE FOR UNIFORMED PERSONNEL

A. SHIRTS

1. Silver tan long or short sleeve uniform shirt with the Office patches on each sleeve, located one (1) inch below the shoulder seam.
2. A light-weight polo shirt with a no roll collar, khaki or tan in color, with Office accepted logo, e.g., "Sheriff's Office", and star embroidered on the left pocket: the officer's name may be embroidered on the right pocket.
3. A crew neck t-shirt shall be worn under any of the approved uniform shirts. The t-shirt must be white, khaki or tan in color. The sleeves of the t-shirt may not extend below the sleeves of the uniform shirt.

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4. Khaki or tan long sleeve under carrier uniform shirt, e.g., 5.11 Tactical Rapid PDU long sleeve shirt, with no roll-collar, office patches on each sleeve located one (1) inch below the shoulder seam.

B. PANTS

1. Dark brown, Wrangler-style uniform pants made of polyester.
2. Dark brown Department approved/issued utility-style pants. The utility-style pant will not be worn in a bloused manner except for specific duty assignments, i.e., Special Response Team.

C. SHOES/BOOTS

1. Round-toe black shoes or boots, e.g., Hi-tech Magnum, with plain leather or simulated leather toe.
2. Black roper style boots.
3. Round-toe khaki or tan boots, e.g. Reebok Rapid Response (including variations in tone by various vendors).-

D. BELT

Black basket-weave leather or nylon utility belt.

E. COAT

Department approved Blauer-style with nylon outer shell, polyester fill, non-detachable fur collar, zipper front, elastic cuffs and waist band, two slash front pockets, chocolate brown in color.

F. OPTIONAL DUTY COAT

1. Liberty Union, Spartan (Eisenhower-Style) with nylon outer shell, polyester fill, non-detachable fur collar, zipper front, elastic cuffs and waist band, two slash front pockets, chocolate brown, washable.
2. Dark brown nylon wind breaker-type jacket with removable lining.

G. HAT

Stratton self-forming straw trooper-styled hat (Style 80DB).

H. OPTIONAL HATS

1. White Western Texas style low crown straw hat, as issued by the Department. To be worn with Class B or C uniforms only.
2. A dark brown beanie style, snug fitting, watch cap, without logo or brim. The watch cap may be embroidered with the YCSO badge or initials in yellow or gold thread.

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The watch cap may be worn in cold weather with only the Class B, C, or D Uniform.

3. Brown baseball cap with a colored embroidered Office emblem, to be worn **only** with Class D uniform or special duty uniform.
4. Khaki or tan baseball cap with a subdued in color embroidered Office emblem, to be worn **only** with Class B, C, D, or E uniforms or special duty uniforms.
5. Wide brim khaki or tan Boonie hat, e.g., Propper, with a subdued in color embroidered Office emblem to be worn **only** with Class B, C, D, or E uniforms or special duty uniforms.

Optional hats **will not be worn to any court related functions, e.g., trials or witness interviews.

I. REQUIRED EQUIPMENT – PATROL/ DETENTION/OUTER TRANSPORT (as authorized)

1. Duty weapon and holster.
2. Ammunition magazines and holder.
3. Handcuffs and holder
4. Radio and holder
5. Taser and holder (as authorized)
6. Minimum of one less lethal force option (e.g. Taser, ASP, OC) and holder.

J. OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT – PATROL/DETENTION/OUTER TRANSPORT (as authorized)

1. Flashlight and holder
2. Keys and holder
3. Latex gloves with holder
4. Any other Office approved less lethal force options with holders

K. BODY ARMOR

Office issued or Office approved personally purchased body armor. **The use of Office issued body armor is mandatory for all Patrol Personnel assigned as first responders.** Administrative and specialty unit personnel are required to wear body armor when engaged in field operations.

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1. Office issued body armor may be worn with either an inner carrier or an outer “uniform style” carrier which matches current issue Office uniforms.
2. The “outer uniform” style ballistic vest carrier may not be worn with the Class A uniform.

211.5 RANK INSIGNIA

A. RANK PATCHES

Rank patches will be worn one-half (1/2”) below the Office patch on long sleeve shirts and centered between the bottom of the Office patch and the edge of the sleeve on short sleeve shirts. If the sleeve of the short sleeve uniform shirt is too short to accommodate the rank patches as outlined in this policy, the officer has the option of wearing the rank insignia of highly polished yellow metal, one quarter inch (1/4”) perpendicular to the collar. (See attached diagram)

1. SENIOR DEPUTY / SENIOR DETENTION OFFICER

Yellow chevrons (2) with brown background which will be worn one-half (1/2”) below the Office patch on long sleeve shirts and centered between the bottom of the Office patch and the edge of the sleeve on short sleeve shirts. If the sleeve of the short sleeve uniform shirt is too short to accommodate the rank patches as outlined in this policy, the officer had the option of wearing the rank insignia of highly polished yellow metal, one-half (1/2”) parallel to the leading and outer edge of each of the side of the collar. On the polo shirt, the rank insignia can be highly polished yellow metal, one quarter inch (1/4”) perpendicular to the collar. (See attached diagram)

2. SERGEANT

Yellow chevrons (3) with brown background which will be worn one- half (1/2”) below the Office patch on long sleeve shirts and centered between the bottom of the Office patch and the edge of the sleeve on short sleeve shirts. If the sleeve of the short sleeve uniform shirt is too short to accommodate the rank patches as out lined in this policy, the officer has the option of wearing the rank insignia of highly polished yellow metal, one-half (1/2”) parallel to the leading and outer edge of each side of the collar. On the polo shirt, the rank insignia can be highly polished yellow metal, one quarter inch (1/4”) perpendicular to the collar. (See attached diagram)

3. LIEUTENANT

A highly polished silver metal bar insignia on each collar. Insignia will be placed at the approximate center of the collar 1/2” from the front edge.

4. CAPTAIN

A highly polished silver metal double bar insignia on each collar. Insignia will be placed at the approximate center of the collar 1/2” from the front edge.

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5. MAJOR

A highly polished yellow metal oak leaf insignia on each collar. Insignia will be placed at the approximate center of the collar 1/2" from the front edge

B. SERVICE STRIPES

Yellow in color diagonal stripes on a brown background signifying years of service. One stripe for every five (5) year period of service. Service stripes will be worn on the left sleeve of the Class A shirt. Service stripes will be placed approximately 1" above the cuff line at a 30 degree angle.

C. SERVICE MEDALS

The following items are authorized to be worn on the Class A, B or Class C uniforms;

1. Office issued ribbons indicating meritorious service, years of service, etc.
2. Boating Office medallion.
3. Gold aviator wings.
4. Law enforcement academy pins.
5. Explosives ordnance disposal medallion.
6. Underwater recovery medallion.
7. Special Response Team medallion.
8. Motor officer pin.
9. Mounted Unit medallion.
10. Military service pin.
11. Law enforcement memorial pin.
12. Clandestine Lab Pin.
13. Shooting medals.
14. A United States Flag Ribbon which may be worn on the top of the flap of the left breast pocket, under the badge.

D. NAME TAG

A highly polished yellow bar, approximately 1/2" wide engraved with the Officers first, initial, and last name in blue lettering. The name tag is to be worn centered approximately 1/8" above the right breast pocket.

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211.6 ATTIRE FOR NON UNIFORMED STAFF

Attire authorized for non-uniformed staff is described in Policy No. 212 Civilian Attire

211.7 SPECIAL DUTY UNIFORMS

The special duty uniform is approved for all assignments except regular patrol and court appearances. The officers and others who participate in those special assignments need to be readily identifiable as Sheriff's Office employees by peace officers assigned to other agencies and the residents of the County.

A. BOATING UNIFORM

The boating officer uniform shall be worn only while operating a Sheriff's Office Watercraft. At all other times, boating officers shall comply with those standards that apply to the duty uniform of the day.

1. Class D Uniform
2. Dark brown approved shorts can be worn instead of the Office issued pants.
3. **Shoes:** Black leather, rubber-soled athletic-type shoes. Short black athletic socks must be worn when wearing shorts.
4. **Ball Cap:** Brown, khaki, or tan baseball cap with an embroidered Office emblem.

B. SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT) / EXPLOSIVE ORDINANCE DISPOSAL (EOD)**1. UNIFORM:**

- a. **Shirt:** Khaki colored battle dress uniform (BDU) shirt.
- b. **Pants:** Khaki colored utility-style pants.
- c. **Vest:** Tan tactical vest with the word "SHERIFF" imprinted, chest high, in white black letters across the back and the word "SHERIFF" in white black letters on the front of the vest. (not applicable to EOD)
- d. **Optional Hat:** Khaki or tan colored baseball cap or Boonie hat with approved logo.
- e. **Insignia:**

C. FIREARMS TRAINING/RANGE OFFICERS

1. **Shirt:** A light-weight polo shirt with no roll collar, red in color with the Office accepted logo, e.g., "Sheriff's Office", and the star embroidered over the left pocket. The Officer's name may be embroidered over the right pocket. The shirt will may have the words "Firearms Instructor" imprinted, chest high, in dark brown 5- inch letters across the back of the shirt. The unit identifier, e.g., "Range Officer" may be embroidered or printed under the Sheriff's badge.

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2. **Pants:** Utility-style pants.
3. **Hats:** A red, brown, khaki, or tan baseball cap or Boonie hat with an embroidered Office emblem.

D. CRITICAL ACCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM

1. Class D uniform or appropriate civilian attire as outlined in Policy No. 212.

E. CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM (CIRT)

1. **Shirt:** Black battle dress uniform (BDU) shirt or gray short sleeve collarless t-shirt with "CIRT" over the left breast pocket and CIRT in 5-inch black letters across the back of the shirt.
2. **Pants:** Black battle dress uniform (BDU) pants.
3. **Body Armor:** Black tactical stab vest.
4. **Shoes:** Black boots.
5. **Belt:** Nylon utility belt with all standard equipment.
6. **Helmet:** Flat black helmet with chin strap and Plexiglas face shield.
7. **Equipment (as authorized):**
 - a. Plexiglas stun shield/Plexiglas convex riot shield and/or Plexiglas convex capture shield
 - b. Taser and holder
 - c. OC spray and holder
 - d. ASP baton and holder
 - e. Less lethal shotgun

F. COLOR GUARD

Employees who are assigned to the Color Guard will wear the Class A duty uniform which consist of:

1. **Shirt:** Silver tan long or short sleeve uniform shirt with Yuma County patches denoting the Officer's assigned Bureau on each sleeve, located one (1) inch below the shoulder seam.
 - a. A dark brown clip on tie.
 - b. Service medals shall be worn
 - c. Brown-border gold, years-in-service, service stripes may be worn on the left sleeve, approximately one (1) inch above the cuff line.
 - d. Officers with rank insignia will wear patched on-half (1/2) below the office patch.

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2. **Pants:** Approved, dark brown slacks with gold stripe running down the outside seams.
3. **Shoes:** Patent leather shoes.
4. **Hat:** A dark brown Stratton self-forming straw trooper-style hat (Style 90DB) with gold band and acorns for Patrol Bureau officers (not required for Detention Bureau)
5. **Belt:** Patent leather Sam Brown style.
6. **Jacket:** Honor Guard Dress Blouse with gold shoulder cord. Patches, rank insignia and service medals shall be worn.

G. COURTROOM ATTIRE

1. Superior Court

- a. Uniformed personnel shall wear their Class A uniform
- b. Special duty assignment personnel may wear slacks, a dress shirt and tie
- c. Detention Officers transporting prisoners are authorized to wear their Class B or Class C uniform

2. Justice Court:

- a. Uniformed personnel shall wear either their Class A, Class B, or Class C uniform
- b. Special duty assignment personnel may wear slacks, a dress shirt and tie

3. Grand Jury Testimony/ Attorney Interviews:

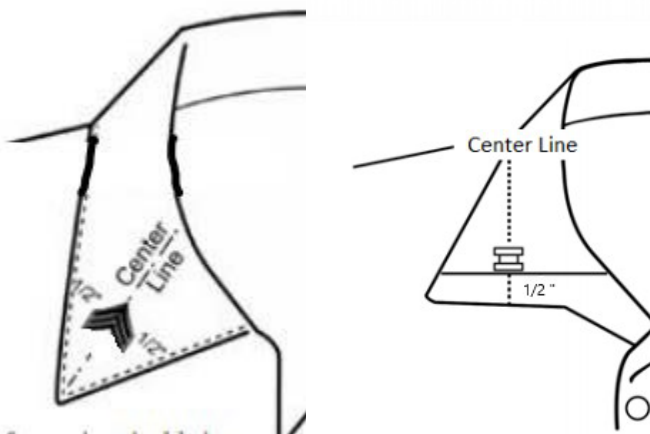
- a. Uniformed personnel shall wear either their Class A, Class B, or Class C uniform
- b. Special duty assignment personnel may wear slacks, a dress shirt and tie, or a polo style shirt

211.8 AMENDMENT

This policy is subject to amendment, revision and/or rescission as required.

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