

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT - DUTY GEAR

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Omaha Police Department (OPD) that only duty gear authorized by the Chief of Police shall be worn or carried on the duty uniform by OPD officers. This policy does not apply to officers assigned to plainclothes duties.

PROCEDURE:

I. Mandatory Duty Gear

A. Utility Belt.

1. Officers will only wear the Department issued or an approved duty utility belt. See Appendix B for specifications.

B. Holster.

1. The holster will have a finish to match all other items of mandatory issued duty gear. Holsters shall be worn on the officer's strong hand side only. No holsters are allowed that cause the officer to reach across their waist to draw the weapon, i.e., cross-draw style. See Appendix B for specifications.
2. Officers may carry an authorized weapon-mounted tactical light in an approved holster. See Appendix B for specifications.
 - a. The approved tactical light holster is considered optional equipment for officers who were not originally issued that holster.
 - (1) Officers who opt to carry the mounted tactical light in the optional holster and who have other unserviceable holsters will be allowed to pay the difference between the costs of the optional holster and the unserviceable holster.
 - (2) Officers who choose to replace a serviceable holster with an optional holster will pay for the entire cost of the optional holster.
 - b. Officers will not be allowed to carry the tactical light in a pouch or in an unapproved holster configuration.
 - c. Officers will not be allowed to wear a holster for a weapon-mounted light if their weapon does not have an authorized weapon-mounted light attached.

C. Ammunition Magazine Carrier (Semi-Automatic Firearms).

1. The authorized magazine pouches for the semi-automatic firearms will conform to the specifications in Appendix B.
2. Magazine pouches will be configured to carry the specific magazines for the chosen semi-automatic firearm.
3. Flap style magazine pouches will be worn on the utility belt located on the strong side, e.g., immediately to the right of the utility belt buckle for right-handed shooters, and immediately to the left of the utility belt buckle for left-handed shooters.

- a. Flap style magazine pouches may be carried either vertically, i.e., the pouch flap on the top of the magazine pouch, or horizontally with the top of the pouch flap nearest the utility belt buckle.
 4. Open-top style magazine pouches will only be carried vertically.
 - a. Open-top style magazine pouches will be worn on the utility belt located on either side of the officer's body. The pouch may be worn from the center buckle to the side of the officer's hip.
- D. Ammunition Speed Loader Carrier (.38 Caliber Double Action Revolver).
 1. Only speed loader carriers are authorized for reloading the .38 Caliber Double Action Revolver.
 2. Speed loader carriers will be capable of holding two (2) speed loaders and will have a finish to match all other items of mandatory issued duty gear.
 3. Speed loader carriers will be worn opposite the strong side, e.g., immediately to the left of the utility belt buckle for right-handed shooters, and immediately to the right of the utility belt buckle for left-handed shooters.
- E. Handcuff Case.
 1. Officers will wear a handcuff case on their utility belt. See Appendix B for specifications.
 2. A Double Handcuff Case is optional and may be carried in lieu of or in addition to the issued single handcuff case. The double handcuff case will be of the same material as the issued single handcuff case.
- F. Portable Radio Carrying Case.
 1. Officers will wear the issued portable radio carrying case on their utility belt. See Appendix B for specifications.
- G. Baton and Baton Carrier (Holder).
 1. The police baton is an optional weapon for officers if they are carrying an Electronic Control Device (ECD). In the event there are not enough ECDs for all UPB officers, those officers without an ECD shall carry a baton. See Appendix B for specifications.
 2. Officers who carry a baton shall carry that baton in an approved carrier. See Appendix B for specifications.
- H. Electronic Control Device (ECD) and ECD Holster.
 1. Officers shall carry an OPD authorized ECD on duty if an ECD is available.
 - a. Officers shall only carry Department issued ECDs, and shall never carry a privately owned ECD. See Appendix B for specifications.
 2. Officers shall carry the ECD in a cross-draw holster obtained through the Police Supply Unit or the OPD online vendor. See Appendix B for specifications.
- I. OC Spray and Carrier (Holder).

1. Officers will carry only Department-issued OC spray. See Appendix B for specifications.
 2. Officers will carry issued OC spray in a carrier issued by the Police Supply Unit or through the OPD online vendor.
- J. Exceptions.
1. Exceptions to the above mandatory duty gear must be approved, in writing, by the Chief of Police, or designee.

II. Optional Duty Gear

- A. Belt Keepers.
1. Belt keepers will coordinate with the standard issued duty belt as listed above. Snaps are all black, regardless of rank.
- B. Flashlight Carrier (Holder).
1. The finish of the flashlight holder will match mandatory issued duty gear.
- C. Flashlight Carrier Ring – Standard Flashlight.
1. A leather strap with chrome metal or black plastic ring, diameter of two (2") inches.
- D. Surgical Glove Pouch. See Appendix B for specifications.
- E. Tourniquet. See Appendix B for specifications.
- F. Tourniquet Belt Carrier. See Appendix B for specifications.

REFERENCES:

I. Previous OPD Orders

- A. Previous OPD General Orders include #66-87, 51-88, 86-88, 53-89, 131-89, 63-90, 64-90, 64-90 Supplement #1, 65-91, 41-93, 26-01, 13-03, 46-13 and 46-13 Supplement #1, 30-14, 86-16, and 44-19.

II. Accreditation Standards

- A. CALEA Accreditation standard 22.2.8 is relevant to this policy.