

Title: GFPD 9 - Body Armor

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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide law enforcement officers with guidelines for the proper use of body armor.

Policy:

It is the policy of the Glens Falls Police Department to maximize officer safety through the use of body armor in combination with prescribed safety procedures. While body armor provides a significant level of protection, it is not a substitute for the observance of officer safety procedures.

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Issuance of Body Armor:

The Chief of Police or his designee shall ensure that body armor is issued to all officers when the officer begins service at the Glens Falls Police Department and that, when issued, the body armor meets or exceeds the standards for the National Institute of Justice.

The Chief of Police or his designee shall establish a body armor replacement schedule and ensure that replacement body armor is issued pursuant to the schedule or whenever the armor becomes worn or damaged to the point that its effectiveness or functionality has been compromised.

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Use of Body Armor:

The use of body armor is required subject to the following:

1. Officers shall only wear agency approved body armor.

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Inspections of Body Armor:

Supervisors shall be responsible for ensuring that body armor is worn and maintained in accordance with this policy. Periodic inspections of body armor should be conducted for fit, cleanliness, signs of damage, abuse, and wear.

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