

GENERAL ORDER:	DATE OF ISSUE:	EFFECTIVE DATE:
Personnel	December 12, 2022	December 12, 2022
SUBJECT:	DISTRIBUTION:	RESCINDS:
Protective Vests/Body Armor	Court Constables	All Previous

PURPOSE:

To ensure that all Town of Pendleton Constables (“officers”) are issued a soft body armor vest and that each is familiar with the policy in regard to its use and maintenance.

I. Policy:

- A. All sworn officers will be supplied with soft body armor (ballistic vest). This soft body armor will be of the type (minimal Level II) approved by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. Only vests issued by the Town of Pendleton will be authorized for use.

II. Procedure:

A. Uniform Members

- 1. Once issued, officers are required to constantly wear body armor during working hours. Each officer is responsible for routine cleaning and maintenance of the body armor. If the body armor is badly damaged or in need of repair, they shall notify their supervisor to arrange for repair or replacement.
 - a) Members assigned to duty not requiring the body armor to be worn will have it immediately available in the event that they are called on for duty that requires the body armor to be worn.
 - b) Radios are to be carried at all times.
 - c) Officers are to wear body armor for all assigned duties outside of court duties, such as Town Park or event security.

III. How Worn:

A. All Officers:

- 1. The body armor must be worn snug and next to the body if worn under the uniform shirt.
- 2. Members may wear body armor in the approved outside vest carrier.

B. Exception to Use:

- 1. With pre-approval of an immediate supervisor, a member may be granted an exception to II. A. and B. above.

Approved by resolution of the Town Board on: December 12, 2022