



**CHEVY CHASE
VILLAGE
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

GENERAL ORDER: 4-18 BODY ARMOR

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I. POLICY

Minimizing or eliminating the risk of serious personal injury or death to an officer is of the utmost concern to the Chevy Chase Village Police Department and the administrative staff of this government. One of the most tested, and proven successful, devices available to aid in ensuring the safety of an officer is body armor; therefore, the Department will provide each member of the department with body armor and officers will be required to wear it in accord with this directive.

II. PROCEDURES

- A. Body armor will be worn by every member of the Department engaged in any field assignment or activity, whether in uniform or plainclothes.
- B. Body armor shall be immediately available for every officer on duty in any assignment. "Immediately available" shall be interpreted as either being worn by an officer or being in such close proximity to an officer that the body armor can be put on immediately.
- C. The body armor provided by the Department shall be made to fit each individual officer based on their body measurements/size.
- D. The body armor provided by the Department will be replaced based upon the manufacturer's specific instructions and/or warranty regarding its span of effectiveness.
- E. Body armor will be worn by every member of the Department involved in the service of a search and/or arrest warrant, whether or not an officer is a member of an entry team or serving in an assisting capacity, regardless of the offense for which the search and/or arrest warrant is being served.
- F. Body armor will be worn by every member of the Department involved in any tactical field situation. Those tactical field situations may include, but are not limited to:

- 1. violent crimes/situations in progress;
- 2. barricade and/or hostage situations; and
- 3. field situations in which an officer has been advised that a weapon reasonably capable of inflicting great bodily injury or death, e.g. a firearm or knife, is present or in which an officer reasonably believes that such a weapon may reasonably be present, e.g. armed robbery in progress.

This directive voids the previous version dated 2/18/2011.