

	OPERATIONS MANUAL	
	<u>SUBJECT:</u> Police Fire Operations – Body Armor	
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203.14.03– Police Fire Operations – Body Armor

- A. The Fire Department has properly sized body armor available to each member. This body armor is fully functional, safe, and provides the level of protection required. The body armor is red in color and clearly designates members as “FIRE” to maintain differentiation from law enforcement personnel.
 1. Additional sets of body armor are stored and available at Central Stores for replacements, large-scale incidents, and tactical requirements.
- B. Incidents where body armor should be worn include but are not limited to:
 1. Assault with a deadly weapon
 2. Domestic Violence/Family Dispute
 3. Shooting
 4. Stabbing/Cutting
 5. Sniper Incidents
 6. Active Shootings/Acts of Violence
 7. Police/SWAT Standbys
 8. Rescue Task Force (RTF) Operations
 9. Other Violent Crimes/Conditions
 10. During Civil Disturbances or other “Tactical Alerts”
 11. Or whenever the officer in charge deems appropriate
- C. Missing or damaged body armor
 1. Any missing or damaged body armor *shall* be reported immediately to the District Chief. The District Chief shall thoroughly investigate the

circumstances and immediately inform the Assistant Chief of Operations or the On-Call Assistant Fire Chief of all pertinent information. A police report shall be completed and Fire Dispatch notified.

2. Submit a Form 47 through the proper chain of command any time there is an issue with body armor being used on an incident. The report should contain *at least* the following information:

- a. Date and Time the body armor was used
- b. The Incident number and type of Incident
- c. The purpose for which the body armor was used
- d. The issue(s) or problem(s) encountered
- e. Any suggestions that would benefit the future use of body armor

- D. Care, maintenance, and cleaning of body armor shall be in accordance with manufacture's recommendations.