

Police Commissioner's Special Order

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SUBJECT: RULE 306, UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

Effective **Monday, March 16, 2026**, **Rule 306, Uniforms and Equipment**, is hereby revised and reissued superseding all previous rules, special orders, memos and directives on this subject.

This rule has been reorganized and renumbered for clarity. The Department is highlighting the following changes:

1. Command Staff change to white shirt and gold stars placement
 - Section 3 Classes of the Boston Police Uniform - Class A and Class B
 - Section 6 Uniform Specifications: V) Emblems, Patches, Tie Clips, name Tags and Badges – gold metal stars worn on collar of shirt instead of on epaulets.
2. Creation of a Class D Uniform
 - Section 3 Classes of the Boston Police Uniform - Class D
3. Headgear -- addition of an approved ball cap in certain situations, and re-authorizing the Artic Trooper cap
 - Section 6 Uniform Specifications: A) Hats: Optional headwear for use with Class A and B and D uniforms only, and For use with the Class D uniform or while assigned to traffic duty.
4. High visibility shirts for traffic enforcement
 - Section 6 Uniform Specifications: C) Shirts: Officers assigned to Traffic Duty ONLY
5. Addition of approved all weather pants
 - Section 6 Uniform Specifications: D) Pants: All Weather Uniform Pants
6. New body armor carrier for the health and wellness of officers
 - Section 6 Uniform Specifications: B) Outerwear: Ballistic Armor Cover System
7. Name tags for BPPA members
 - Section 6 Uniform Specifications: V) Emblems, Patches, Tie Clips, name Tags and Badges
 - Clarification that name tags with the officer's last name (for all ranks) are to be worn centered on the left shirt pocket, directly under the badge.
 - Section 6 Uniform Specifications: B) Outerwear: Ballistic Armor Cover System

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UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

This rule establishes regulations for wearing and maintaining the Boston Police Department uniform. It is effective immediately, replacing Rule 306, issued June 9, 2021, and superseding all other written directives issued by the Department concerning uniforms and equipment.

Sec. 1 General Considerations:

The primary reason police officers wear uniforms is to make them readily identifiable and, thereby, readily accessible to the citizens they serve. People need and appreciate the sense of security provided by a visible police presence, and their beliefs about police service are often based on how officers appear and their record of performance. Therefore, it is vital that officers of this department maintain a neat and clean appearance at all times and that their uniforms make them easily identifiable as Boston Police Officers.

Officers shall wear such uniform and insignia of rank and be provided with such equipment as the Commissioner prescribes.

The Superintendent-In-Chief or, in his absence, the Chief, Bureau of Field Services remains the final determinant of all uniform issues.

Sec. 2 Care and Maintenance:

All insignia of rank and equipment furnished to officers shall remain the property of the Department. Officers shall keep their uniforms clean, well-brushed and pressed, badges and buttons clean and bright, and wear the indicated footwear. Caps shall be worn straight on the head, not tilted to the side or rear.

It will be deemed neglect of duty on the part of an officer who fails to take reasonable care of their equipment, to lose any part of their equipment through carelessness, or to neglect to report such loss immediately to the officer in command at the area, division, or unit to which they are assigned.

An officer shall return any part of their equipment or property of the Department that has been issued to them when a duly authorized officer has made a demand upon them. The equipment shall be in as good condition as it was when issued; reasonable wear and depreciation excepted. Upon retirement, the Class A Dress Coat and any issued Department Award Ribbons, Qualification/Unit Devices, and Flag Emblem Pin shall remain the officer's property.

Sec. 3 Classes of the Boston Police Uniform:

Class A Dress- Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent

- Superintendents and Deputy Superintendents shall wear the Dress Command Summer Blouse with velvet trim and a white long-sleeved shirt and tie underneath, with the BPD insignia affixed to the shirt collar.

Class A Dress- Captain/Captain Detective, Lieutenant/Lieutenant Detective, Sergeant/Sergeant Detective, Detective, Police Officer

- Captains and Captain Detectives shall wear a white shirt and tie with the BPD insignia affixed to the shirt collar.
- Lieutenants and Lieutenant Detectives shall wear a white shirt and tie with the BPD insignia affixed to the shirt collar.
- Sergeants and Sergeant Detectives shall wear the Class B long-sleeved dark blue shirt and black tie.
- Detectives shall wear the Class B long-sleeved dark blue shirt and black tie.
- Police Officers shall wear the Class B long-sleeved dark blue shirt and black tie.

Class A

- Superintendents and Deputy Superintendents shall wear the long-sleeved white shirt and black tie underneath the authorized jacket.
- Superior Officers shall wear the long-sleeved dark blue shirt and black tie underneath the authorized jacket.
- Police Officers shall wear the long-sleeved dark blue shirt and black tie underneath the authorized jacket.

The V-neck blue police sweater as an outer garment is an authorized option instead of the jacket for all ranks.

An option for all ranks except Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent, a black pullover turtleneck jersey or mock turtleneck may be worn under the sweater or long-sleeved shirt instead of the tie, with or without a jacket.

Class B

- Superintendents and Deputy Superintendents shall wear the long-sleeved white shirt and tie with or without the authorized jacket.
- Superior Officers shall wear the long-sleeved dark blue shirt and tie, with or without the authorized jacket.
- Police Officers shall wear the long-sleeved dark blue shirt and tie, with or without the authorized jacket.

The V-neck blue police sweater as an outer garment is an authorized option instead of the jacket for all ranks.

An option for all ranks except Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent, a black pullover turtleneck jersey or mock turtleneck may be worn under the sweater or long-sleeved shirt instead of the tie, with or without a jacket.

Class C

- Superintendents and Deputy Superintendents shall wear the short-sleeved white shirt with or without the authorized jacket.
- Superior Officers shall wear the short-sleeved dark blue shirt with or without the authorized jacket.
- Police Officers shall wear the dark blue short-sleeved shirt with or without the authorized jacket.

NOTE: The sweater is not an option for Class C.

Class D

All personnel authorized to wear the Class D Uniform shall wear the following while on duty:

Shirts

- Short-sleeved black polo shirt during the Class C short-sleeved schedule, in accordance with Section 6 (C)
- Long-sleeved black polo shirt during the Class B long-sleeved schedule, in accordance with Section 6 (C)

Pants

Khaki BDU pants, in accordance with Section 6 (D).

Hats

In accordance with Section 6 (A).

Outerwear

In accordance with Section 6 (B).

Footwear

In accordance with Section 6(G).

Sec. 4 When the Uniform Will Be Worn and Who Wears It:

All sworn members of the Department shall wear the uniform of the day while on duty, with the following exceptions:

- Personnel of the Office of the Police Commissioner
- Personnel of the Bureau of Professional Standards
- Personnel of the Bureau of Investigative Services
- Personnel of the Bureau of Administration and Technology

- Personnel of the Bureau of Professional Development

Sworn personnel on Administrative Duty as notified by the Bureau of Professional Standards, or Restricted Duty certified by the Occupational Health Services Unit, or who have been placed in Suspended status or Not Certified-On Leave status by the POST Commission shall not wear any part of the uniform unless authorized by the Bureau Chief for attendance at an award ceremony.

Bureau Chiefs may authorize officers to wear plainclothes who do not interact with the public, officers who are in investigative assignments, or for the efficiency of the Department or safety of the officers.

Police officers must be in uniform when on normal patrol, on paid details, meeting the public, in public facilities, at community meetings, or before the public.

Personnel on paid details shall wear the standard uniform of the day, with the authorized hat, except they need not wear jackets when inside premises.

Personnel need not wear hats inside vehicles, but shall have them to wear when directed.

All officers attending court shall wear the uniform of the day for their respective unit of assignment.

Wearing of the Boston Police Uniform is prohibited in the following circumstances:

- During or in connection with private employment.
- When participating in off-duty activities, including, but not limited to, public speeches, interviews, picket lines, marches, rallies, or any other public demonstration that may imply official sanction, unless prior written approval has been granted by the Police Commissioner.
- When a Department employee is called for jury duty, this service is performed in the employee's capacity as a citizen of the Commonwealth, not in one's professional capacity as an employee of the Boston Police Department. No Boston Police Officer shall wear their uniform while appearing as a juror.

Sec. 5 Detectives Attire:

Detectives are to be dressed in business casual attire unless assigned in an undercover capacity. Business casual attire does not include the wearing of sneakers, jeans, shorts, or shirts without collars. Detectives appearing in court shall be dressed in business attire as defined in Rule 320 Section B.

Sec. 6 Uniform Specifications:

All officers must wear uniforms and equipment suitable for their assigned units. Their uniforms must conform to the Department's specifications, as outlined below. Detectives and officers regularly assigned to plainclothes must always have the uniform of the day available at their reporting place. All uniformed officers, including detectives wearing a uniform, shall carry and/or wear only Department-issued safety holsters and other weapons and equipment as are

issued and approved by the Department for uniformed sworn personnel.

A) Hats:

Required with Class A, Class B, and Class C uniforms:

Standard cloth, eight-point, dark blue police cap, Keystone model P-101, with issued hat badge.

- Police Officers – Silver metallic expansion cap band
- Detectives – Gold metallic expansion cap band
- Sergeants – Gold metallic three-piece rope cap braid, black mohair trim
- Captains and Lieutenants – Gold metallic cloth cap band, black mohair trim
- Superintendents and Deputy Superintendents – Gold metallic cloth cap band, velvet trim, and a gold leaf trim on the visor

Hat Cover:

- Blauer Reversible Hat Cover Style #107
- Blauer Gore-Tex Hi-Vis Reversible Hat Cover Style #9101
- Blauer Reversible Hat Cover Cape Style #120

Optional headwear for use with Class A and B and D uniforms only:

- Blauer black Balaclava Style #126
- Blauer black Skull Cap Style #160 with white “Boston Police” embroidered on the front for Police Officers and gold “Boston Police” embroidered on the front for Detectives and Superior Officers.
- Blauer black Watch Cap Style #125 with white “Boston Police” embroidered on the front for Police Officers and gold “Boston Police” embroidered on the front for Detectives and Superior Officers.
- Blauer Artic Trooper Cap Style #195 (with authorized hat badge. Class A and B only)

Optional headwear for use with Class C uniforms only:

Keystone model L-9, 8-point Cap with Open cane, with issued hat badge.

- Police Officers – Silver metallic expansion cap band
- Detectives – Gold metallic expansion cap band
- Sergeants – Gold metallic three-piece rope cap braid.
- Captains and Lieutenants – Gold metallic cloth cap band.

For use with the Class D uniform or while assigned to traffic duty.

- Black New Era ball cap with embroidered silver Boston Police badge for Police Officers and embroidered gold badge for Detectives and Superior Officers.

B) Outerwear:

The Blauer Model 9915Z remains authorized for those who have it. New purchase is prohibited.

All Weather Uniform Jacket for Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class D:

Blauer, Superlight Flex Shell/Softshell Fleece 3-in-1 Jacket System, Style # 9818-60, color Dark Navy, badge tab affixed to left breast, mic tabs affixed to both left and right shoulder. The Boston Police Department patch will be worn on the left and right sleeves 1” below the shoulder seam. The jacket may be worn in any of the three available combinations: outer #9818 shell only, inner #4660 jacket only, or together. If the inner #4660 jacket is worn as an outer garment, it must have a badge tab affixed to the left breast, mic tabs affixed to both left and right shoulder and Boston Police patches on the left and right sleeve, 1” below the shoulder seam. Blauer Hood Style #HF9818 is optional.

Rain Jackets:

B.DRY XP Hi-Vis Supershell Jacket Model #9970V, badge tab affixed to left breast, mic tabs affixed to both left and right shoulder. The Boston Police Department patch will be worn on the left and right sleeves, 1” below the shoulder seam. The inner jacket, Style #4660 is capable of being zipped into the rain jacket.

The words “Boston Police” shall be printed onto the back of the jacket in Block font, centered and stacked vertically, with the first letter of each word capitalized. It will appear in this way:

Boston
Police

The Blauer Model B.Dry Reversible Rain Jacket – Model #236 and B.Dry Reversible Rain Jacket – Model #233R remain authorized for those who have them. New purchase is prohibited.

Rain Pant:

- Blauer B.Dry XP Shell Pants, Black, Style #9134
- Blauer B.Dry Rain Pants, Black, Style #134

Class A Dress Coats:

- **Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent**
- **Captain**
Blauer Dress Coat, Dark Navy
Men’s Style #8590BPD-CPT
Women’s Style #8590BPDW-CPT
- **Lieutenant**
Blauer Dress Coat, Dark Navy
Men’s Style #8590BPD-LTN

- Women's Style #8590BPDW-LTN
- **Sergeant**
Blauer Dress Coat, Dark Navy
Men's Style #8590BPD-SGT
Women's Style #8590BPDW-SGT
- **Detective**
Blauer Dress Coat, Dark Navy
Men's Style #8590BPD-DET
Women's Style #8590BPDW-DET
- **Police Officer**
Blauer Dress Coat, Dark Navy
Men's Style #8590BPD-PTL
Women's Style #8590BPDW-PTL

Dress Command Blouse for Superintendents and Deputy Superintendents:

Dark blue with uniform gold buttons, with velvet trim on sleeves and collar:

Five-½ inch gold trim on sleeves for the Superintendent-in-Chief with cloth star cluster (5) sewn straddled over the epaulets

Four-½ inch gold trim on sleeves for Superintendents with cloth star cluster (4) sewn straddled over the epaulets.

Three-½ inch gold trim on sleeves for Deputy Superintendents with cloth star cluster (3) sewn straddled over the epaulets.

The Boston Police Department patch will be worn on the left and right sleeve, 1" directly below the shoulder seam.

Class A Dress Coat for Police Officers, Detectives, Sergeants/Sergeant Detectives, Lieutenants/Lieutenant Detectives, and Captains/Captain Detectives:

Police Officers' and Detectives' blazers shall be dark blue with an ¾ inch Copeland blue braid trim on sleeves and blue piping on the epaulets. Police Officers shall have silver (nickel) City of Boston Seal buttons and Detectives shall have gold (gilt) City of Boston Seal buttons, where appropriate, on the jacket. The Boston Police Department patch will be worn on the left and right sleeve, 1" directly below the shoulder seam.

Sergeants' and Sergeant Detectives' blazers shall be dark blue, with one-inch black mohair trim on the sleeves and black piping on the epaulet. Sergeant chevrons shall be worn on both sleeves, and gold (gilt) City of Boston Seal buttons shall be worn, where appropriate, on the jacket. The Boston Police Department patch will be worn on the left and right sleeve, 1" directly below the shoulder seam.

Lieutenants' and Lieutenant Detectives' blazers shall be dark blue with black piping on the epaulet and gold (gilt) City of Boston Seal buttons worn, where appropriate, on the jacket. Lieutenants shall have a single gold trim on the sleeves and rank device worn on the shoulder epaulets. The Boston Police Department patch will be worn on the left and right sleeve, 1"

directly below the shoulder seam.

Captains' and Captain Detectives' blazers shall be dark blue with black piping on the epaulet and gold (gilt) City of Boston Seal buttons worn, where appropriate, on the jacket. Captains shall have two gold trims on the sleeves and a rank device worn on the shoulder epaulets. The Boston Police Department patch will be worn on the left and right sleeve, 1" directly below the shoulder seam.

All Superintendents and Deputy Superintendents will wear a cloth star cluster on the dress command blouse. Sleeve rank for command dress command blouse; three gold stripes for Deputy Superintendents, four gold stripes for Superintendents, and five gold stripes for the Superintendent-In-Chief.

Service Bars: Service bars, each indicating 5 years of service with the Boston Police Department shall be worn on the Dress Coat. Bars shall be aligned perpendicular and 1 inch above the sleeve braid or trim. Blue Bars for Police Officers, Gold Bars for all other ranks and ratings.

Sweaters:

Blauer Fleece-lined V-Neck Sweater, dark navy- #225

The sweater must be reinforced with patches at the shoulders and elbows and equipped with epaulets on the shoulders with Velcro fasteners. A double-stitched badge tab must be attached to the outside left breast, and a microphone strap tab must be sewn under the left or right shoulder. The Boston Police Department patch will be worn on the left and right sleeves 1" below the shoulder seam.

Ballistic Armor Cover System:

All sworn personnel will be issued a ballistic vest (body armor) with **one concealed carrier and one exterior carrier**.

All personnel are strongly urged to wear their issued ballistic vest while on duty.

The only approved exterior carrier which will be issued is the Armorskin XP TacVest, Style #8375BP

Badge Mount: The officer's badge shall be affixed to the badge mount device when the exterior carrier is worn as the outer garment.

Body Worn Camera Mount: Body Worn Cameras will only be mounted on the affixed Body Worn Camera Mount in the center of the chest.

Identification Panels:

The issued rear identification panel bearing the words BOSTON POLICE in white lettering for all ranks shall be worn at all times.

The issued front identification panel bearing the words BOSTON POLICE in white lettering for all ranks shall be worn at all times.

The issued front identification panel bearing the officer's LAST NAME in white lettering for all ranks shall be worn at all times.

Patches, Decals, Insignia:

No patches, decals, or insignia other those issued by the department shall be attached to the outer carrier.

Districts/Units are prohibited from issuing patches, decals, or insignia for use on the exterior carrier.

Attachments:

Only attachments/pouches issued by the Central Supply Division are authorized.

Districts/Units are prohibited from issuing attachments for use on the exterior carrier.

Firearms or electronic control devices (Tasers) are *not* to be carried on the vest.

Optional exterior outer carriers:

Wool Armorskin®, Dark Navy – Style #8470
Ruggedized Armorskin XP – Style# 8350XP
Polyester Armorskin XP, Dark Navy – Style #8370XP
FlexRS™ Armorskin® XP, Dark Navy – Style #8360XP

These optional exterior carriers are to be worn over the authorized uniform shirt to present a professional appearance. When an optional exterior carrier is worn, all badges, pins, devices and awards are to be worn in the same manner as worn on an authorized uniform shirt.

C) Shirts:

Officers of all ranks, while in uniform, shall only wear the authorized shirts listed below, except that Captains, and Lieutenants, when wearing the Dress Command Blouse or Class A Dress Coat, shall wear white shirts. When the Class C uniform is worn without a jacket and tie, no T-shirt shall be visible under the open neck of the uniform shirt unless it is white or black, and the sleeves of the T-shirt shall never extend below the end of the sleeve of the uniform shirt. The Boston Police Department patch shall be worn on the left and right sleeves.

Sworn personnel in uniform shall only wear one of the authorized shirts listed below.

Dark Navy for all ranks except Superintendents and Deputy Superintendents.
Superintendents and Deputy Superintendents shall be white.

Blauer:

- Short Sleeve Wool Armorskin Base Shirt Style #8472
- Long Sleeve Wool Armorskin Base Shirt Style #8471
- Short Sleeve Wool Supershirt Style #8446
- Long Sleeve Wool Supershirt, Style #8436
- FlexRS Short Sleeve Armorskin Base Shirt, Style # 8362
- FlexRS Long Sleeve Armorskin Base Shirt, Style #8361
- FlexRS Short Sleeve Supershirt, Style #8676
- FlexRS Long Sleeve Supershirt, Style #8671
- Short Sleeve Wool Shirt, Style #8460
- Long Sleeve Wool Shirt, Style #8450
- Short Sleeve Performance Patrol Polo Style #8160
- Women's FlexRS Short Sleeve Armorskin Base Shirt, Style #8362W
- Women's FlexRS Long Sleeve Armorskin Base Shirt, Style # 8361W
- Women's FlexRS Short Sleeve Supershirt, Style #8676W
- Women's FlexRS Long Sleeve Supershirt, Style #8671W
- Women's Short Sleeve Wool Armorskin Base Shirt, Style #8472W
- Women's Long Sleeve Wool Armorskin Base Shirt, Style #8471W
- Women's Short Sleeve Wool Supershirt, Style #8446W
- Women's Long Sleeve Wool Supershirt, Style #8436W
- Women's Short Sleeve Wool Shirt, Style #8460W
- Women's Long Sleeve Wool Shirt, Style #8450W

Flying Cross:

- Model number 47W66 Long Sleeve (Men's)
- Model number 97R66 Short Sleeve (Men's)
- Model number 104W66 Long Sleeve (Women's)
- Model number 154R66 Short Sleeve (Women's)
- Model number 07W8786Z Long Sleeve (Men's)
- Model number 57R8786Z Short Sleeve (Men's)
- Model number 107W8786Z Long Sleeve (Women's)
- Model number 157R8786Z Short Sleeve (Women's)
- Model number 34W78Z Long Sleeve, (Men's)
- Model number 87R78Z Short Sleeve, (Men's)
- Model number 127R78Z Long Sleeve, (Women's)
- Model number 177R78Z Short Sleeve, (Women's)

Elbeco:

- Model number #584D DutyMaxx Poly/Rayon Stretch Long Sleeve, (Men's)
- Model number #5584D DutyMaxx Poly/Rayon Stretch Short Sleeve, (Men's)
- Model number #9584LCD DutyMaxx Poly/Rayon Stretch Long Sleeve, (Women's)
- Model number #9784LCD DutyMaxx Poly/Rayon Stretch Short Sleeve, (Women's)

Officers assigned to Traffic Duty ONLY:

Blauer Hi-Vis Polo Shirt, summer short sleeve detail shirt, model #8137
Blauer Hi-Vis Polo Shirt, spring/fall long sleeve detail shirt, model #8147

Officers in a Class D uniform shall wear:

- **Short-sleeved shirt during Class C short-sleeved schedule**
 - 5.11 Utility Short Sleeve Polo, Style # 41180, color black, with an embroidered silver badge for police officers or an embroidered gold badge for other ranks.
 - 5.11 Women's Utility Short Sleeve Polo, Style # 61173, color black, with an embroidered silver badge for police officers or an embroidered gold badge for other ranks.

- **Long-sleeved shirt during Class B long-sleeved shirt schedule**
 - 5.11 Utility Long Sleeve Polo Style # 72057, color black, with an embroidered silver badge for police officers or an embroidered gold badge for other ranks.
 - 5.11 Women's Helios Long Sleeve Polo, Style # 32013, color black, with an embroidered silver badge for police officers or an embroidered gold badge for other ranks.

Turtlenecks, Mock Turtlenecks and Dickey:

The authorized turtlenecks, Mock Turtlenecks, and Dickey for all ranks Police Officer through Captain must be black in color. White for Superintendents and Deputy Superintendents. Centered horizontally on the front of the collar shall be embroidered on a single line the words "Boston Police" in 3/8 inch letters' silver varnished thread for Police Officers; gold varnished thread for Detectives and Superior Officers. There shall be no other markings, manufacturer's labels or logos on the outside of the garment.

Blauer Turtleneck Model #8100X
Blauer Turtleneck Dickey Model #8109
Blauer Mock Turtleneck Model #8110X
Blauer Mock Dickey Model #8119
Blauer Quickheat Mook Turtleneck Model #8175

D) Pants:

Regulation dark blue with whipcord or worsted material, non-pegged, without flares or cuffs from the list below. 3/4 inch Copeland blue braid stripe for Police Officers or a one-inch black mohair stripe to be worn by Superior Officers, Deputy Superintendents, and Superintendents.

Riding breeches of dark blue worsted or whipcord material with 3/4 inch Copeland blue braid shall be worn by police officers assigned to and while working on mounted or motorcycle duty. Superior Officers on such duty shall wear riding breeches of dark blue worsted or whipcord material with a one-inch black mohair stripe.

Superintendents and Deputy Superintendents shall wear a one-inch velvet stripe on trousers for dress only.

Sworn personnel shall only wear one of the authorized uniform pants listed below.

Blauer:

- Class Act Dress Pants, Dark Navy, Style #8585 (Men's)
- Class Act Dress Pants, Dark Navy, Style #8585W (Women's)
- FlexRS Covert Tactical Pant, Dark Navy, Style #8666 (Men's)
- FlexRS Covert Tactical Pant, Dark Navy, Style #8666W (Women's)
- 8-Pocket Polyester Pants, Dark Navy, Style #8652P8F (Men's)
- 8-Pocket Polyester Pants, Dark Navy, Style #8652P8FT (Men's)
- 8-Pocket Polyester Pants, Dark Navy, Style #8652W8F (Women's)
- 8-Pocket Polyester Pants, Dark Navy, Style #8652W8FT (Women's)
- 10-Pocket Wool Pants, Dark Navy, Style #8560P10 (Men's)
- 10-Pocket Wool Pants, Dark Navy, Style #8560W10 (Women's)
- 10-Pocket Wool Pants, Dark Navy, Style #8560P10T

Elbeco:

- Top Authority Polyester 6-Pocket Dress Pant, Model #E8929R, Midnight Navy (Men's)
- Top Authority Polyester 6-Pocket Dress Pant, Model #E8930LC, Midnight Navy (Women's)
- LAPD 100% Wool Pants, Model #E8931R, Midnight Navy (Men's)
- LAPD 100% Wool Pants, Model #E8932LC, Midnight Navy (Women's)
- Distinction Poly/Wool 4-Pocket Pant, Model #E494RN, Midnight Navy (Men's)
- Distinction Poly/Wool 4-Pocket Pant, Model #E9494LCN, Midnight Navy (Women's)

Flying Cross:

- Command Élastique, Model #32221, LAPD Navy (Men's)
- Command Poly, Model #TR070W, LAPD Navy (Women's)
- Justice Pants, Model #47289, LAPD Navy (Men's)
- Justice Pants, Model #47289W, LAPD Navy (Women's)
- Valor Pants, Model #47400, LAPD Navy (Men's)
- Valor Pants, Model #47400W, LAPD Navy (Women's)

All Weather Uniform Pants

- Blauer Crosstech® Supershell® Pants Style #:9972
- Blauer Tacshell Pants Style# 9825z
- Blauer Flexheat Detail Pants Style # 8833

Officers authorized to wear the Class D uniform shall wear the pants listed below.

5.11:

- 5.11 Apex pant, Khaki, Style # 74434 (Men's)
- 5.11 Apex pant, Khaki, Style # 64446 (Women's)
- 5.11 Stryke Pant, Khaki, Style # 74369 (Men's)
- 5.11 Stryke Pants, Khaki, Style # 64386 (Women's)
- 5.11 Icon Pant, Khaki, Style # 74521 (Men's)
- 5.11 Icon Pant, Khaki, Style # 64447 (Women's)

E) Necktie:

Plain black with a pointed bottom. Minimum width of 3" and maximum width of 4." A breakaway tie is recommended.

F) Socks:

Black or navy blue. For medical reasons, partially white socks can be worn, provided no white shows above the top of the shoes.

G) Footwear:

Dress Class A Uniform: Low quarter, military style, black shoes of smooth leather or Corfam, with plain toes and laces; buttons, straps, or buckles are not permissible. Soles shall not be more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in thickness. Heels shall not be more than 1" in height (measured from the sole). Short boots may be worn instead of shoes, provided they are polished and the soles and heels are within the specifications allowed for shoes. Pants shall not be tucked into boots except as authorized by the Police Commissioner for special events. Shoes shall be clean, have no visible logos, and be able to take a shine. Black sneakers shall not be worn with the dress uniform.

Class A, B, C, and D Uniform: Black boots, shoes, or sneakers are permitted. Plain toes and laces. Buttons, straps, or buckles are not permissible. Sneakers shall be all black with no reflective material or non-black logos visible. Soles shall not be more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in thickness. Heels shall not be more than 1" in height (measured from the sole). Pants shall not be tucked into boots except as authorized by the Police Commissioner for special events. Footwear shall be clean and have no visible logos. Black leather, over-calf style motorcycle boots are authorized for use by officers while on motorcycle duty only.

H) Buttons:

Boston Police buttons with the City Seal insignia are optional for shirt pockets and epaulets. Police Officers shall wear silver buttons, and Detectives and Superior Officers shall wear gold buttons.

I) Gloves:

- Black gloves (fabric or leather)
- White gloves or yellow Hi-Vis (fabric or leather), for use by personnel assigned to traffic duty and all personnel when so ordered.
- Heavy-duty black leather. For use by officers while on motorcycle or mounted patrol duty only.

J) Whistle

- Silver finish for Police Officers
- Gold finish for Superior Officers
- Button or epaulet style hook

K) Traffic Vest:

- Blauer Zip-Front Breakaway Safety Vest, Model #343P
- Blauer Oralite® Zip-Front Safety Vest, Model #343R-P

L) Helmets:

- Riot Helmet – Black with the identification number centered on the front.
- Motorcycle Helmet – BPD blue with department-issued helmet badge centered on the front.

M) Trouser Belt:

Plain black leather or nylon, 1 ¾" wide with silver or flat black colored buckle for Police Officers and gold colored or flat black colored buckle for Detectives and Superior Officers.

N) Leather/Nylon Equipment Belt:

All officers must wear an equipment belt over their trouser belts whenever they are in uniform and assigned to outside duties. The belt shall be black with a silver or flat black buckle for Police Officers and a gold or flat black buckle for Detectives and Superior Officers. This includes uniformed officers on paid details and officers appearing in court.

Required Equipment on duty belt or mounted on ballistic armor carrier:

- Department-issued duty holster
- Radio holder
- Magazine pouch
- Handcuff pouch
- Belt keeper(s)
- Baton keeper
- OC spray holder
- Taser Holster*

*Personnel trained and assigned a department-issued Taser shall wear the Taser on the weak side hip in cross-draw position on the uniform equipment belt and may choose NOT to carry either the service baton or the OC Spray.

*Personnel wearing ballistic armor cover systems approved by the Police Commissioner may wear all items EXCEPT the department-issued duty holster and Taser holster on the armor carrier. The department-issued duty and Taser holsters must remain mounted on the equipment belt.

O) Service Weapon:

(As authorized by the Commissioner)

P) Eyewear:

Sunglasses may be worn during daylight hours only and must be of a color and style that complements a proper uniform appearance. They must have non-mirrored lenses—iridium lenses are acceptable but must be semi-transparent. The lens color must be conservative and complement a proper uniform. Neck straps may be worn for officer safety but must be made of thin material, black or brown in color.

Q) Baton:

The department-issued expandable baton will be worn on the equipment belt or ballistic armor carrier system unless it is replaced with a Taser energy weapon and OC spray.

R) Riot Baton:

The 36” baton should be kept with the riot helmet and gas mask within the department-issued emergency deployment gear bag.

S) Oleoresin Capsicum Spray

Department issued.

T) Ear Piece

Department issued.

U) Handcuffs

Department issued.

V) Emblems, Patches, Tie Clips, Name Tags, and Badges:

Silver coat badge to be worn over the left breast of the outermost garment by Police Officers.
Gold badge to be worn by all Detectives and Superior Officers.

Name tags will be worn by all Superior Officer who hold the rank of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Deputy Superintendent and Superintendent. Name tags will also be worn by Patrol Officers.

Gold name tags with the superior officer's last name are to be worn centered on the left shirt pocket, directly under the badge. The name tag shall be worn on the outermost garment (except raingear) without obstruction, directly underneath the badge

Silver name tags with the patrol officer's last name are to be worn centered on the left shirt pocket, directly under the badge. The name tag shall be worn on the outermost garment (except raingear) without obstruction, directly underneath the badge.

Silver initials "BPD" to be worn on both collars of the shirt parallel to the top edge of the collar, ½" up from the bottom edge, and 1" in from the top edge of the collar by Police Officers. Gold initials "BPD" are to be worn by all Detectives and Superior Officers in the same manner.

The Boston Police Shoulder patches will be worn on both sleeves of all uniform shirts, jackets, coats, and BDU's, directly below the shoulder seam on both the left and right sleeve.

All personnel may wear special unit or qualification pins, approved by the Police Commissioner, on the right breast pocket flap of all shirts and jackets. If one pin is worn, it will be centered on the pocket flap above the button. If two are worn, they will be worn above and bestriding the button, covered and aligned. If three are worn, they will be worn covered and aligned across the pocket flap with the middle device centered above the button. The wearing of qualification or unit devices is limited to three.

Gold chevrons shall be worn by all Sergeants on both sleeves of their shirts, jackets, and approved garments, with the exception of the raincoat. The smaller-sized chevron is to be worn on the short-sleeved uniform shirt, and the larger-sized chevron is to be worn on the long-sleeved uniform shirt and approved outerwear.

Special insignias such as pins, flags, and clover leaves are not to be worn on the cap or uniform clothing.

Department Award ribbons shall be worn in accordance with Rule 305.

The silver tie clip will be worn by Police Officers. The clip will be secured to the tie and uniform shirt and align with the bottom of both shirt pocket flaps. A gold tie clip will be worn by all Detectives and Superior Officers, Superintendents and Deputy Superintendents in the same manner.

One gold metal bar worn by all Lieutenants positioned ½” in from the shoulder seam and centered on the epaulets (from front to rear) of the shirt, jacket, and Class A Dress Coat.

Two gold metal bars worn by all Captains positioned ½” in from the shoulder seam and centered on the epaulets (from front to rear) of the shirt, jacket, blouse, and Class A Dress Coat.

Three ½” gold metal stars worn by all Deputy Superintendents on the collar of the shirt and 5/8” gold metal stars on the sweater or jacket.

Four ½” gold metal stars worn by all Superintendents on the collar of the shirt and 5/8” gold metal stars on the sweater or jacket.

Five gold metal stars worn by the Superintendent-in-Chief on the collar of the shirt and gold metal stars on the sweater or jacket.

Embroidered, metallic gold thread, cloth rank insignia may be worn on the epaulets in place of the metal rank insignia by all officers who hold the rank of Lieutenant, Captain, Deputy Superintendent, or Superintendent. The embroidered metallic gold thread cloth rank insignia must be the same color, size, and design as the metal rank insignia.

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