

# MEDINA POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER

**ORDER NO:** 2016-002

**SUBJECT:** Body Armor

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 01 January 2016

**RESCINDS ORDER NO:** 99-05-04

**DISTRIBUTION:** Sworn Police Personnel

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all officers are issued a soft body armored vest and that they are familiar with the policy of the department in regards to its use and maintenance.

I. **POLICY:** All sworn officers upon completion of the Basic Police Officers Training Course will be supplied with soft body armor. This soft body armor will be of the type approved by the State Department of Criminal Justice Services.

## II. PROCEDURE

Officers are not, as a matter of course, required to constantly wear the body armor, except for when they are on duty, and engaged in patrol or field operations. The officer is responsible for routine cleaning and maintenance. If the vest is badly damaged or in need of repair, he shall notify his/her shift supervisor who will arrange for repair or replacement.

Supervisory officers may order any or all personnel to wear such body armor if circumstances indicated officers lives may be in particular danger. This would be especially true while executing search warrants, arrest warrants, etc. Officers assigned to the Multi Agency SWAT will wear their body armor at all times when serving in this capacity.

### Purchase, Repairs, Records

The Chief of Police or his designee will be responsible for purchasing or ordering repairs of the soft body armor. He shall maintain records on the purchase and arrange for any reimbursement available to the department from state or federal agencies.

By Order Of:

Chad Kenward  
Chief of Police