



Kern County Sheriff's Office
Policies and Procedures

TITLE: LEVEL C PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) DEPLOYMENT AND USAGE		NO: H-125	
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POLICY

Due to the limited scope of protection offered by the Level C suit, the suits shall be donned only when authorized by the Sheriff's Office Watch Lieutenant or on-scene Incident Commander under the considerations outlined below.

PROCEDURE

When a request is made for Sheriff's Office personnel to operate in a potential Hazardous Materials or Weapons of Mass Destruction contamination area, the Sheriff's Office Watch Lieutenant or on-scene Incident Commander may, after considering the degree of identification of hazards, the risks to personnel, and potential benefit of deploying personnel into the contaminated area, order the distribution and donning of Level C suits to designated Sheriff's Office personnel.

The on-scene Sheriff's Office Incident Commander will direct operations of Sheriff's Office personnel in conjunction with the Haz-Mat Incident Command Staff.

DIRECTIVE A

The Level C protective suits should not be donned until a Hazardous Materials Unit has identified the hazards.

DIRECTIVE B

Sheriff's Office personnel should not don the Level C suits until a Hazardous Materials Unit is on-scene and prepared to conduct decontamination operations and medical monitoring.

DIRECTIVE C

Personnel shall not exceed the maximum allowed operations time in a Level C suit. The average maximum operations time in a Level C suit is 30 minutes. Operational time shall be defined as the time from when the suit is donned through the completion of the primary decontamination.