



Kern County Sheriff's Office **Policies and Procedures**

TITLE: UNIFORM SPECIFICATIONS – UTILITY BELT AND ACCESSORIES				NO: K-303
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Kern County Sheriff's Office personnel assigned to duties that require the wearing of a duty belt with law enforcement accessories shall wear only Sheriff's Office issued or approved items while in uniform. The following utility belt and associated items are approved for uniform use:

Utility Belt

- Bianchi Accumold Elite ERGO TEK Duty Belt
- Black Basket Weave #7955

Baton

- See F-600

Baton Holder

- Bianchi Accumold Elite Baton Ring
- Black Basket Weave #67

Flashlight

- Any quality flashlight that meets the following requirements may be carried for field duty use:
 - Must be black or chrome finish
 - Minimum power supply of 2 "D" cell batteries
 - Rechargeable lights are approved providing they minimally provide the same illumination and light duration as 2 "D" batteries.
 - "Judo heads" or "baton light" designs are not permitted.

Flashlight Holder

- Bianchi Accumold Elite Flashlight Holder
- Black basket Weave #7909

Handcuffs

- Peerless, Smith & Wesson, or equivalent quality brand
- Must meet or exceed all U.S. National Institute of Justice standards for strength and quality.
- Equipped with double locking device
- With either welded links or hinges connecting the bracelets
- Black, silver or grey colored finish
- Locks and keys must be standard to fit Sheriff's Office issued handcuffs.

Handcuff Case

- Bianchi Accumold Elite Single or Double Handcuff case
- Hidden Snap
- Black basket Weave #7900 (Double is #7917)

Keeper Straps

- Bianchi Accumold Elite Belt Keeper
- Hidden Snap
- Basket Weave #7906

Key Holder

- Bianchi Accumold Elite Silent Key Holder
- Black Basket Weave #7916

Magazine Holder

- Bianchi Accumold Elite Double Magazine Pouch
- Glock 22
- Hidden Snap Black Basket Weave #7902

Chemical Agent Holster

- Bianchi Accumold Elite OC/Mace pouch (Small or Large)
- Hidden Snap Black Basket weave #7907 (Large is #7907)

Sidearm Holster

- Safariland Model 6360 or 6365 ALS level III Holster
- Black Basket weave
- Left or Right-handed model

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- With or without tactical light capability

Gun Mounted Lights

- A personally owned tactical / gun mounted light that attaches to the duty pistol is allowed and must be of good quality and attached to the accessory rail under the pistol.
- Duty weapons with gun mounted lights must fit in a department approved sidearm holster with tactical light capability without modification to the holster and the gun must still securely lock in place.
 - Being forced to remove the light before holstering hinders the ability to promptly de-escalate and may require handling of a loaded weapon in a dangerous manner/situation.
- The gun mounted light must be activated by a tail mounted rocker or push button switch and must be activated by the support hand thumb at or in front of the forward trigger guard.
 - A remote tail cap pressure switch is authorized for use in conjunction with a gun mounted light. Prior to deploying with a tail cap pressure switch, it must be inspected and approved for use by range staff. Staff will also be required to qualify with the tail cap pressure switch in place prior to use in the field.
 - If a tail cap pressure switch is utilized it shall be similar to the Surefire DG X Series (refer to attached photograph). The gun light is activated with a pressure switch located below the trigger guard and is activated by the middle finger of the gun hand.
- The gun mounted light shall be inspected and approved by range staff prior to deploying it in the field.

NOTE:

Gun mounted lights do not eliminate the need for a primary flashlight and at no time should it be drawn solely because of the need for illumination. Once a light is mounted on a weapon, it should be considered part of the gun and not simply a source of light.



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Optional Items

- Privately owned items, including flashlight holders, radio holders, belt keepers, key rings, OC spray holders, magazine holders, baton holders, knife cases, pager cases, collapsible baton cases, and latex glove cases may be substituted for the corresponding issued equipment for the Class B, C or D uniforms only.
- Privately owned items must be the functional equivalent to the corresponding issued item and shall match the color and finish of the issued utility belt.
- Privately owned items must have hidden, or flat black colored snap enclosures.
- The issued sidearm holster is the only holster authorized for uniform wear.

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