



## Kern County Sheriff's Office Policies and Procedures

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| TITLE: <b>S.E.R.T. UNIFORMS</b>                    |                         | NO: K-480              |                        |
| APPROVED: <b>Donny Youngblood, Sheriff-Coroner</b> |                         |                        |                        |
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S.E.R.T. members wear specific uniforms in order to distinguish them from facility staff during operations. The uniform serves to protect S.E.R.T. members from environmental factors the team might encounter during its operations and is designed to allow its wearers freedom of movement. S.E.R.T. uniforms must clearly identify S.E.R.T. operators as law enforcement officers.

It is recognized that certain tactical considerations or conditions may require covert or stealth movement. The uniforms worn by S.E.R.T. personnel in such situations may be modified as appropriate.

During S.E.R.T. operations and training, team members are required to wear the approved S.E.R.T. uniform as described below, unless otherwise directed by the S.E.R.T. Lieutenant or designee.

*Detailed descriptions of italicized uniform items are found in K-300.*

The Standard S.E.R.T. uniform shall consist of the following:

- Blouse (Optional at discretion of S.E.R.T. Lieutenant or designee): 511 Brand TDU Khaki 162 Ripstop long sleeve shirt (or equivalent) with subdued shoulder patches.
  - A subdued U.S. flag patch will be affixed below the left shoulder patch.
  - The shirt shall have a khaki cloth name tape centered directly above the right shirt pocket with the individual operator's last name embroidered on it. A similar khaki cloth strip with "S.E.R.T." embroidered on it shall be centered directly above the left shirt pocket.
  - Authorized members will wear their appropriate rank insignia on the blouse collar as follows:
    - The Detentions Lieutenant rank insignia shall be a single black bar and will be worn on each side of the collar in a manner consistent with Section K-301.
    - The Detentions Sergeant rank insignia will be three black chevrons and will be worn on each side of the collar with the bottom of the chevron approximately 1 inch from the bottom of the collar point and centered on the bisecting line of the natural "vee" of the shirt collar.
    - The Detentions Senior Deputy rank insignia will be two black chevrons and will be worn on each side of the collar with the bottom of the chevron approximately 1 inch from the bottom of the collar point and centered on the bisecting line of the natural "vee" of the shirt collar.
- Olive drab T-shirt with S.E.R.T. emblem as approved by the S.E.R.T. Lieutenant.

- 511 brand TDU khaki 162 Ripstop pants (or equivalent).
- Jacket (Optional): Khaki colored military style field jacket (M-65 Field Jacket or equivalent).
  - The subdued shoulder patches, the American flag patch and the name tapes will be affixed to the jacket in a manner consistent with the S.E.R.T. blouse specifications.
  - The rank insignia as described under the S.E.R.T. blouse criteria shall be worn on the jacket epaulettes.
- Boots: Tan suede or rough-out leather tactical boots.
- Hat (Optional):
  - *Cap, Class D Uniform*
  - 5.11 Tactical Boonie Hat, TDU Khaki (or equivalent)

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