



Kern County Sheriff's Office

Policies and Procedures

TITLE: SHERIFF’S CANINE HANDLER UNIFORM			NO: K-485
APPROVED: Donny Youngblood, Sheriff-Coroner			
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POLICE

Canine Handler uniforms will conform to the specifications described in KCSOPPM Section K-0300.

Outer Panel Carrier - OPC

The OPC authorized to wear will be the Point Blank Outer Panel Carrier – Guardian, in OD Green as outlined in KCSOPPM Section K-0300. The rear “Sheriff K9” identifier will be green, heat pressed and in bold gold lettering.

The exception to the OPC specifications will be that Canine Handlers are permitted to carry the required and canine specific equipment. These items may include electronic collar transmitters, heat alarm/door pop controller, and outing tool.

DIRECTIVE 1. UNIFORM-CALLOUTS

In callout situations, canine handlers shall make every attempt to wear the approved canine handler uniform. If wearing the approved uniform is not practical, handlers shall wear clean, appropriate clothing. At a minimum they shall wear their assigned OPC as outlined above with department approved duty belt. This carrier provides ballistic protection to the wearer and is designed to display “Sheriff K9” identifiers which are necessary to identify the wearer as a canine handler and member of the Sheriff's Office.

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