

Fennimore Police Department Body Armor		
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PURPOSE AND POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to provide officers with guidelines for the proper use of body armor. It is the policy of the Fennimore Police Department to maximize officer safety through the use of body armor in combination with sound police tactics and safety procedures. While body armor provides a significant level of protection, it is not a substitute for the observance of officer safety procedures.

PROCEDURE

The Chief of Police shall ensure body armor is available to all officers and the body armor meets or exceeds the standards of the National Institute of Justice.

If the officer's assignment is uniform field work in an enforcement capacity rather than administrative or support capacities, body armor shall be worn at all times. Exceptions will be allowed at the discretion of the supervising officer.

Officers are responsible to ensure their body armor is kept in a duty ready state and maintained according to manufacturer guidelines.

DISCLAIMER

This policy is for internal use only and does not enlarge an officer's civil or criminal liability in any way. It should not be construed as the creation of a higher standard of safety or care in an evidentiary sense, with respect to third party claims. Violations of this policy may form the basis for departmental administrative action, but it is not intended for use in courts of civil or criminal jurisdiction.

/s/ Christopher J. French

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Date