


PBP FORM 290  PITTSBURGH BUREAU OF POLICE <i>"...accountability, integrity and respect."</i>		SUBJECT: "PROTECTIVE SOFT BODY ARMOR"		ORDER NUMBER: 31-07	
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1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 Statistics have proven a significant decrease in police fatalities due to the use of protective soft body armor. Since wearing of such body armor is a personal choice, *it will not be mandatory in normal police operations* by this policy.
- 1.2 The purpose of this policy is to provide members of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police (PBP) with guidelines for the proper use and care of body armor.

2.0 POLICY

- 2.1 It is the policy of the PBP to provide all sworn members with protective soft body armor and to maximize officer safety through the use of the body armor.

3.0 BODY ARMOR REQUIRED DURING PRE-PLANNED HIGH RISK OPERATIONS:

- 3.1 The use of soft protective body armor is required by all personnel when responding to, or participating in, a pre-planned high risk operation, including but not limited to:

- 3.1.1 [REDACTED]
- 3.1.2 [REDACTED]
- 3.1.3 [REDACTED]
- 3.1.4 [REDACTED]
- 3.1.5 [REDACTED]

4.0 INNER PERIMETER SECURITY:

- 4.1 [REDACTED]

5.0 PROTECTIVE SOFT BODY ARMOR TO BE ACCESSIBLE WHEN NOT IN USE:

- 5.1 [REDACTED]

6.0 PROTECTIVE SOFT BODY ARMOR THAT IS LOST, MISLAID OR STOLEN:

- 6.1 Accountability and security of protective soft body armor is the sole responsibility of the assigned member.
 - 6.1.1 Protective soft body armor is classified as a sensitive item.
 - 6.1.2 When a protective body armor item is discovered to have been lost, mislaid or stolen, that member must notify his/her immediate supervisor without delay.
 - 6.1.3 Any member whose protective body armor has been lost, mislaid or stolen must report the matter to their commanding officer immediately on PBP Form #3.0 (Investigation report) and PBP Form #81.1 (Lost/Stolen/Damaged Uniform or Equipment Claim).
 - 6.1.4 A copy of each report shall be forwarded through the member's respective chain of command.

6.1.5 A copy of the report will be sent to the Intelligence unit to the attention of the detective assigned to that zone.

7.0 PROTECTIVE SOFT BODY ARMOR THAT IS DAMAGED, WORN OR EXPIRED

7.1 All damaged, worn or expired protective soft body armor will be replaced through the quartermaster.

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7.2.1 All members in possession of protective soft body armor beyond the five year quartermaster requisition date will bring the matter to the attention of the quartermaster without delay.

7.3 Damaged or worn protective soft body armor will require the officer to complete PBP Form # 81.1 (Lost/Stolen/Damaged Uniform or Equipment Claim). All completed forms will be forwarded through the officer's respective chain of command.

8.0 PROPER MAINTENANCE, CARE AND RE-ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

8.1 All members are responsible for the proper maintenance, cleaning and storage of their protective soft body armor.

8.1.1 All members will adhere to the care and cleaning instructions identified in the owner's manual to include those instructions identified in the information block attached to the rear ballistic panel.

8.2 Members will take all necessary precautions to ensure the re-assembly of their protective soft body armor is completed to the exact manufacturer standards.

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Date