


FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT  REGULATION	SUBJECT: EQUIPMENT		NUMBER: 206
	EFFECTIVE DATE: October 30, 2023	REVIEW: October 2026	
RESPONSIBLE ENTITY: PLANNING AND RESEARCH BUREAU			<input type="checkbox"/> New Directive <input type="checkbox"/> Replaces: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revised 09-05-22
ACCREDITATION STANDARDS:	CALEA 61.1.8	VLEPSC	

206.1 TITLE TO EQUIPMENT: CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Title to all uniforms and equipment purchased for, and issued to, Department employees shall be vested in the County of Fairfax. Employees shall be held strictly accountable for the proper care, security, use, and maintenance of all articles, uniforms, and official equipment provided. Employees shall not negligently leave issued item(s) of equipment or Department uniforms unsecured or unattended in plain sight, nor shall they be left unattended inside locked or unlocked personal vehicles, personal vehicle trunks, or personal vehicle cargo spaces. Where property is lost or intentionally damaged, the responsible employee may be subjected to disciplinary action.

206.2 UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT, AND APPEARANCE

All employees shall maintain regulation uniforms in neat order and good repair. The uniform shall be worn in strict accordance with Department policy. Employees shall be neat in appearance and well groomed. All worn leather items shall be polished.

206.3 MANNER OF DRESS WHILE ON DUTY

During routine patrol, employees shall be required to wear their standard issued duty uniform. Commanding officers may permit other clothing and equipment to be worn as required by the nature of the assignment or duty to which a particular employee is assigned. Whenever reporting for, or leaving work, employees shall be dressed in presentable attire, which may consist of full duty uniform, civilian clothing, or a civilian shirt/jacket with uniform trousers. Whenever not in full uniform, a sworn employee's service weapon shall be concealed and worn in an inconspicuous manner.

206.4 CIVILIAN ATTIRE

Civilian clothing worn by employees during a tour of duty or assignment shall conform to dress standards typically adhered to in a private business. Commanding officers may require other types of clothing be worn as necessary.

206.5 REPLACEMENT OF DAMANGED UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

Claims for damage to clothing and/or equipment that result from the performance of duty shall be directed to an employee's division/station commander through their immediate supervisor.

206.6 DAMAGED OR INOPERATIVE PROPERTY OR EQUIPMENT

Employees shall immediately report to their superiors, on designated Department forms, any loss of, or damage to, Department property assigned to or used by them. Employees shall notify their immediate supervisor of any defect or hazardous condition found in any Department equipment or property.

206.7 CARE OF BUILDINGS

Employees shall not mark, deface, or destroy any surface on any Department building, unless within the confines of the performance of duty and with the consent of competent authority.

206.8 DEFACING NOTICES

Employees shall not mark, alter, or deface any posted notice of the Department unless approved to do so by competent authority. Inflammatory, discrediting, or derogatory notices shall not be posted under any circumstances.

206.9 ALTERATION AND REPAIR OF ISSUED WEAPONS

No employee, with the exception of qualified personnel assigned to the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy Firearms Training Unit, shall alter or repair any weapon issued to them by the Department. Department-issued weapons shall never be taken to any outside source for alterations or repairs of any kind. Officers are responsible for proper care, security, and maintenance of all weapons issued to them by the Department. Proper care and maintenance shall include the cleaning of internal and external surfaces. Pistol grips may only be removed for the purposes of cleaning the portion of the weapon directly underneath.

206.10 WEARING OF POLICE UNIFORMS DURING COURT APPEARANCES

Officers shall never attend any court in any jurisdiction for the purposes of testifying, or appearing as a defendant, attired in an identifiable Fairfax County Police Department uniform where the purpose of their attendance does not relate to acts occurring during the performance of their official duties or the off-duty rendering of law enforcement services without the approval of the Chief of Police or their designee.

206.11 WEARING OF POLICE UNIFORM WHILE SUSPENDED FROM DUTY

Any Department member whose authority has been suspended and/or has been temporarily relieved from performing their duties shall not wear their police uniform, nor any other item of Department-issued clothing that displays either the Department's police badge or emblem during the entirety of their respective suspension period.

Regulation 206 becomes effective on the above date and rescinds all previous rules and regulations pertaining to this subject.

ISSUED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and "D".

Chief of Police