

**GENERAL ORDER**  
FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT



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206 EQUIPMENT

206.1 TITLE TO EQUIPMENT/CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Title to all uniforms and equipment purchased for and issued to employees of the Department 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. If property is lost or intentionally damaged, the responsible employee may be subjected to reimbursement charges and/or disciplinary action. Uniforms and official equipment shall only be worn or used in accordance with SOP 04-002.

206.2 UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT AND APPEARANCE

All employees shall maintain regulation uniforms in neat order and good repair. The uniform shall be worn in conformance with departmental policy. Employees shall be neat in appearance and well groomed. Leather items shall be polished. For specific regulations, see SOP 04-002.

206.3 MANNER OF DRESS ON DUTY

Normally, employees will be required to wear the issued duty uniform and equipment; however, commanding officers may prescribe other clothing and equipment as necessitated by the nature of the duty to which a particular employee is assigned. When reporting for or leaving work, employees will be dressed in presentable attire. "Presentable attire" is a complete uniform, civilian clothes, or a civilian shirt or jacket with uniform trousers. When not in full uniform, the service weapon will be worn in an inconspicuous manner.

206.4 CIVILIAN ATTIRE

Civilian clothing worn by employees during a tour of duty shall conform to standards normally found in private business. Commanding officers may prescribe other types of clothing as deemed necessary. For specific regulations, see SOP 04-002.

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206.5 REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

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

206.6 DAMAGED OR INOPERATIVE PROPERTY OR EQUIPMENT

Employees shall immediately report to their superiors, on designated forms, any loss of, or damage to, departmental property assigned to or used by them. Moreover, the superior will be notified of any defects or hazardous conditions found in any departmental equipment or property.

206.7 CARE OF BUILDINGS

Employees shall not mar, mark, deface or destroy any surface on any departmental building, unless it is in the proper execution of duty with the consent of competent authority.

206.8 DEFACING NOTICES

Employees shall not mark, alter, or deface any posted notice of the Department unless ordered by competent authority. No inflammatory, discrediting, or derogatory notices will be posted at any time.

206.9 ALTERATION AND REPAIR OF ISSUED WEAPONS

No employee, except qualified personnel assigned to the Criminal Justice Academy Firearms Unit, shall alter or repair any weapon issued by the Department. No weapons issued by the Department shall be taken to an outside source for alterations or repairs of any form. Officers shall be responsible for the care, security and maintenance of Department issued weapons. Proper care and maintenance solely includes the cleaning of internal and external surfaces. The pistol grips may be removed only for the purpose of cleaning the portion of the weapon directly underneath.

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206.10 WEARING OF POLICE UNIFORM DURING COURT APPEARANCES

Officers shall not attend any court in any jurisdiction for the purpose of testifying, or appearing as a defendant, attired in a Fairfax County Police uniform, if the purpose of their attendance does not relate to acts which occurred during the performance of official duties.

206.11 WEARING OF POLICE UNIFORM WHILE SUSPENDED FROM DUTY

Officers shall not wear the police uniform while suspended from duty.