



M.P.D FORM 101

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

# Roll Call / Shift Briefing

<b>SUBJECT:</b>  <b>Authorized External Body Armor Carrier &amp; Polo Style Uniform Shirt</b>	<b>AMENDS:</b> <b>MNPD Manual 8.20 Clothing and Equipment (Pending Revision)</b>	<b>RESCINDS:</b>  N/A
<b>REFERENCE:</b>  MNPD Manual 8.20 Clothing and Equipment (Pending Revision)	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>  <b>March 23, 2021</b>	<b>DISTRIBUTION CODE:</b>  <b>All Personnel</b>

## I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this roll call training document is to instruct MNPD personnel on updates to MNPD policy governing Clothing and Equipment. Until the current MNPD Departmental Manual, 8.20 Clothing and Equipment, dated August 20, 2018, is updated as stated herein, this roll call training document shall serve as official MNPD policy.

**Note:** As stated below, as of the effective date of this RCT document, the authorized polo style shirt noted herein may be worn as a regular class “B” shirt option in short or long sleeve without the external carrier. However, it **must** display departmental patches, “metallic” badge patch, embroidered name, and rank insignia as described.

In accordance with the current requirements, this roll call training should be viewed in PowerDMS, under “Documents” and properly signed for, indicating receipt and acknowledgment of this training. Additionally, departmental roll call trainings may be accessed through the department’s PDWeb site by clicking on the link for “Manual” and then “Roll Call Training – Documents”.

## II. KEY POINTS TO COVER DURING ROLL CALL TRAINING

As an option to the standard issue body armor, sworn MNPD officers shall be permitted to wear the approved external body armor carrier manufactured by Armor Express. External body armor carriers are permitted to assist officers in performing police-related functions by allowing versatility in how they carry necessary and required uniform equipment. The optional external body armor carrier is composed of uniform material that shall be worn over the approved polo style shirt.

The approved external body armor carrier is manufactured by Armor Express (MNPD Uniform Vendor has authorized model number), navy blue in color. These are specifically fitted to the employee’s issued ballistic body armor. Employees **must** have the serial number from their issued body armor to order the external carrier.

External body armor carriers will be standardized and uniform in order to present a professional appearance at all times. Only the authorized body armor carrier(s) listed herein are approved for wear with MNPD duty uniforms. Only those items authorized by MNPD policy may be worn or displayed on the external body armor carrier.

### III. General Provisions

- A. External body armor carriers must only be worn with the approved polo type undershirt, navy blue in color.
- B. The external body armor carrier shall display the issued or approved MNPD badge and nameplate at all times while being worn.
- C. The following items may be worn on the authorized external body armor carrier. Note, a specific list of equipment and pouches (make and model) that are authorized to be worn on the external body armor carrier shall be posted on the PDWeb site under the "Quick Links" column. All items must be **black** in color:
  - 1. MNPD Approved Body Worn Camera shall be properly affixed to the non-dominant hand side vest pocket.
  - 2. Taser®: Must be worn utilizing the approved holster and molle adapter for the current holster. Must be worn on cross-draw configuration on the non-dominant hand side.
  - 3. Handcuff case.
  - 4. Additional magazine pouches.
    - a. A total of 4 magazine pouches may be worn in any combination (handgun and/or rifle).
    - b. Pocket slits located beneath each breast pocket may be utilized for additional rifle magazine pouches.
  - 5. Chemical spray holder.
  - 6. Asp baton holder.
  - 7. Radio holder.
  - 8. Cell phone.
  - 9. Flashlight holder (mini type).
  - 10. Only those patches, emblems, insignia or other attachments which are issued or approved for external carrier use, shall be affixed or displayed on the carrier.
- D. The External Body Armor Carrier must be worn directly over the approved polo style shirt (Blauer Short and long Sleeve Polyester Armorskin Base Shirt, navy blue in color).
  - 1. Department patches and rank insignia on the polo style shirts are mandatory.
  - 2. The employee's name must be embroidered over the right side above the hem line. Officers shall be silver in color; supervisors shall be gold in color.
  - 3. The polo shirt must display the metallic badge patch that is rank specific, and rank insignia (Lieutenant, Captain, etc.) embroidered on the collar.
  - 4. The polo style shirt may also be worn as a regular class "B" shirt option in short or long sleeve without the external carrier.

Note: A long sleeve polo style shirt is not substituted for the Class "A" uniform. A tie should not be worn with a polo style shirt.

5. For those not wearing the external carrier, standard issue body armor shall be worn underneath as with any other approved uniform shirt in a manner consistent with established policy.
- E. The external body armor carrier will **NOT** be worn with the Class "A" uniform.
- F. While wearing the authorized external body armor carrier officers may, at their discretion, remove the carrier for short periods of time. (i.e. while at precinct, headquarters, AND outside public view). However, the external carrier **MUST** be worn before reengaging in field activities.
- G. The ballistic panels of the officer's standard issue body armor **must** be transferred to the external body armor carrier if the wearer chooses that option.
- H. Employees shall carry their duty weapon and primary magazines on their duty belt separate from the carrier.
- I. Employees must demonstrate proficiency in drawing and utilization of equipment carried on the external carrier prior to use in the field. Employees must report to MNPD firearms training staff for inspection and approval. This can be done during scheduled in-service days or the employee may make an appointment with appropriate training staff.
- J. Generally, absent unforeseen circumstances, the external body armor carrier shall not be authorized for court. Officers attending court on days of their regular scheduled working day may wear the carrier. However, this does not apply to federal court. Officers attending federal court shall not wear the external carrier regardless of scheduled working day.
- K. It is the responsibility of all employees to ensure that the overall appearance of their external body armor carrier is properly maintained (cleanliness, fading, stitching, color, etc.). Supervisors should inspect personnel under their command for proper wear and care.

#### **IV. Currently Approved External Body Armor Carrier and Accessories**

##### **External Body Armor Carrier**

Manufactured by Armor Express (MNPD uniform vendor has authorized model number), navy blue in color. These are specifically fitted to the employee's issued body armor. Employees **must** have the serial number from their issued body armor to order the external carrier.

##### **Approved Polo Shirt:**

###### **Men:**

Blauer Short Sleeve Polyester Armorskin Base Shirt: #8372

Blauer Long Sleeve Polyester Armorskin Base Shirt: #8371

Blauer Long Sleeve Polyester Armorskin Winter Base Shirt (Fleece Lined): #8373

**Women:**

Blauer Short Sleeve Polyester Armorskin Base Shirt: #8372W

Blauer Long Sleeve Polyester Armorskin Base Shirt: #8371W

**High Speed Gear – Black. Pouches with the term “Duty” have hidden strings. All others have visible strings.**

**Pistol Mag:**

Duty Pistol Taco (Single, Double, & Triple) SKU#41PT00BK, 41PT02BK, 41PT03BK

Duty LEO Taco Covered (Pistol mag/Handcuff combo) SKU 41PC00

Duty Double Pistol Taco Covered Plus SKU# 41PX02BK

Pistol Taco (Single, Double, Triple) SKU 11PT00BK, 11PT02BK, 11PT03BK

Polymer Pistol Taco SKU# 16PT00

**Handcuff:**

Duty Handcuff Taco Covered (Single & Double) SKU# 41DC

Slick Handcuff Taco SKU# 11DCK2

Kydex Handcuff Taco SKU# 11DCK0BK

**Radio:**

Duty Radio Taco SKU41RD

**Medical:**

Kydex Tourniquet Taco SKU#11TQK0

Slick Kydex Tourniquet Taco SKU#11TQK2

Tourniquet Taco SKU#11TQ00

**Taser:**

Issued Blackhawk Taser Holster, cross draw. Will need to purchase Blackhawk S.T.R.I.K.E platform SKU #38CL63

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