I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish expectations pertaining to when body armor should be worn by parole and probation officers.

II. DEFINITIONS

A. Local State Director: A person within the Department of Corrections who reports to the Assistant Director of Community Corrections and has responsibility for managing a state community corrections office within a particular county.

B. Officer: Any state parole and probation officer certified as such by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

III. POLICY

Body Armor

A. Protective body armor shall be worn when conducting home contacts, searches, and/or planned arrests outside of the office and while conducting release, transfer, and compact investigations. Officers are not required to wear body armor during unanticipated, impromptu contacts.

B. Body armor shall be worn during firearms training and may be required during defensive tactics or other training when appropriate.

C. There may be circumstances that arise or an event that may occur where the local state director or designee directs body armor to be worn, including but not limited to special events or community functions. Nothing in this rule precludes an officer from wearing body armor for any other circumstance they deem appropriate.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

This policy will be adopted immediately without further modification.
Certified: _signature on file_________________
    Michelle Mooney, Rules Coordinator

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