

CULVER CITY POLICE

TRAINING INFORMATION

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Uniform and Tattoo Policy Reminder

PURPOSE:

This bulletin serves as a reminder to all personnel regarding the importance of adhering to Policy 1021 (Uniform Regulations and Policy 1027 (Personal Appearance Standards). Compliance with these policies is essential to maintaining professionalism, public trust, and department integrity.

POLICY 1021 - UNIFORM REGULATIONS:

The uniform policy is designed to ensure that all uniformed officers are readily identifiable to the public and maintain a professional appearance at all times. All personnel must comply with the following regulations:

- Uniforms must be clean, neatly pressed, and in serviceable condition at all times.
- Personnel must wear only the authorized uniform for their rank and *assignment as specified in department regulations.*
- Uniforms should only be worn while on duty, in transit to or from work, court, or official department functions.
- If wearing a uniform while off-duty and in transit, an outer garment must cover the uniform to avoid drawing attention.
- Visible jewelry is limited to a wristwatch, one tasteful ring per hand, and a medical alert bracelet.
- Mirrored sunglasses are prohibited while in uniform.
- Purchasing or consuming alcoholic beverages while in uniform is strictly prohibited.

For additional details on uniform regulations, refer to Policy 1021.

POLICY 1027 - PERSONAL APPEARANCE STANDARDS:

To uphold professionalism and neutrality, all department personnel must maintain personal hygiene and a groomed, professional appearance appropriate for their role. Specific regulations include:

- Tattoos, brands, and body ornamentation (including piercings) must not be visible while on duty for personnel hired after April 30, 2005.
- Employees hired after this date with visible tattoos or body art must ensure they comply with the department's concealment guidelines:
 1. Long-sleeve Class A uniform shirts must be worn to cover tattoos.
 2. Short-sleeve Class B shirts require black compression sleeves to fully conceal any tattoos or ornamentation.

- Tattoos or body art depicting offensive or inappropriate content (e.g., discrimination, gang affiliation, obscene imagery) are strictly prohibited.
- Female officers may wear one pair of stud earrings; non-sworn female employees may wear a single pair of earrings.
- Personal grooming and hygiene must be maintained to project a clean and professional image.
- Exemptions may be granted by the Chief of Police on a case-by-case basis (e.g., undercover assignments).

All personnel are reminded that adherence to these policies is not just a matter of personal preference but a departmental requirement to ensure:

- **Professionalism:** Consistent and professional image enhances public trust and department credibility.
- **Safety & Readiness:** Proper uniforms and grooming contribute to operational effectiveness and ensure immediate readiness for duty.
- **Public Perception:** As law enforcement professionals, our appearance directly impacts community confidence and the perception of our department.

For additional details on uniform regulations, refer to Policy 1027.

MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS:

Supervisors and Managers are instructed to reinforce these policies through routine inspections and corrective actions as needed. Your cooperation and commitment to maintaining our department's professional standards are appreciated.

For any questions or clarification, please refer to the Uniform and Equipment Lexipol Policies or contact your supervisor.

Thank you.



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