

Body Armor

311.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Practical safety measures should be used to reduce the risks and hazards associated with probation field work. The Yolo County Probation Department provides soft body armor for sworn field personnel in an effort to improve safety.

311.2 USE OF BODY ARMOR

Soft body armor vests are issued to all sworn field personnel because they have been shown to be effective in reducing deaths and serious injuries.

The Department encourages all on-duty field officers to wear body armor. Their use in some instances is required.

Employees authorized by the Department to carry a firearm while on duty shall wear Department-issued or Department-approved body armor while performing any planned or scheduled field work.

Unarmed officers should wear body armor while in the field, performing probation searches, or while performing other enforcement activities.

311.3 EXCEPTIONS

An armed officer will not be required to wear body armor under the following conditions:

- (a) While in the office.
- (b) When attending Court hearings.
- (c) When off duty.
- (d) With prior Supervisor approval.

Other exceptions to this policy are to be approved by the Chief Probation Officer or designee, on a case-by-case basis.