272.01 SUMMARY
This Directive establishes procedures for using Soft Body Armor, or protective vests.

272.02 PROVISION, REPLACEMENT, AND USE
PROVISION – The Department shall purchase Department-approved soft body armor for all Officers and P.S.T.s.
REPLACEMENT – The Department will replace soft body armor at the manufacturer’s suggested replacement date, which is typically five years after purchase.
USE – Whenever an employee’s primary responsibility is a uniform patrol assignment, soft body armor shall be worn. Personnel whose primary duties are administrative are exempt from wearing vests while in uniform.

272.03 DEPARTMENT LIABILITY
The Department is not liable for:
- An employee’s failure to use soft body armor.
- An employee’s misuse of soft body armor.

272.04 PRE-PLANNED, HIGH-RISK SITUATIONS
Every sworn employee who will be participating in a pre-planned, high-risk situation or training must wear soft body armor. Examples of such situations are:
- Search warrant and arrest warrant executions.
- Narcotics raids.
- Hostage or barricaded subject.
- Civil disorder.
- Riot control.
- Any situation or circumstance that a Supervisor determines to be high-risk.
- Authorized Firearms Training (including Instructors).

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