

CHAPTER 17
PERSONAL SECURITY OPERATIONS
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1. GENERAL.

a. The Department routinely provides Personal Security Operations (PSO) services to the Governor, State Constitutional Officers, and the California Supreme Court Chief Justice on a full-time basis. All other requests for PSO services require approval from the Office of the Commissioner.

b. The responsibility for departmental PSO rests with the Protective Services Division (PSD). Personal Security Operations are specifically assigned to the following sections: Governor's Protection Detail (GPD), Dignitary Protection Section (DPS), and Judicial Protection Section (JPS).

(1) Governor's Protection Detail is responsible for the security of the Governor, spouse, and immediate family.

(2) Dignitary Protection Section is responsible for the security of State Constitutional Officers (Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Controller, State Treasurer, State Insurance Commissioner, and Board Members within the Board of Equalization).

(a) All PSO services for other dignitaries shall be coordinated by DPS through a reimbursable services contract with pre-approval of the Commissioner.

(b) All Requests For Assistance for out-of state Governors and other out-of-state Dignitaries shall be coordinated through DPS with the approval of the PSD commander.

(3) Judicial Protection Section is responsible for the security of the State Supreme Court and State Appellate Court Justices.

c. The Department's authority to conduct PSOs is derived from the California Government Code (CGC) and the California Vehicle Code (CVC).

(1) Section 14615 (b) of the CGC states, "The Department of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) has jurisdiction over those matters related to the security of state officers, property, and occupants of state property."

(2) Section 2400 (g-i) of the CVC states, "The commissioner shall assume those duties and responsibilities of providing protection to state property and employees actually being performed by the California State Police Division on and before July 11, 1995...The commissioner may provide for the physical security of any current or former constitutional officer of the state and current or former legislator of the state...Upon request of the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, the commissioner may provide appropriate protective services to any current or former member of the State Court of Appeal or the California Supreme Court."

d. With the exception of the Governor, all PSOs are funded by reimbursable service contracts with the respective state offices.

e. Officers assigned to PSOs will be responsible for:

- (1) Security and transportation of the Protectee.
- (2) Planning and recognizing travel routes.
- (3) Conducting advances to gather intelligence.
- (4) Coordinating with allied agencies.
- (5) Identifying emergency services locations (i.e. hospitals, safehouses).

2. EQUIPMENT.

a. Vehicles. The Office of the Governor, Office of State Constitutional Officers, and Administrative Office of the Courts provide a vehicle for each of the PSOs. Additional vehicles needed are provided by the Department. All vehicles assigned to PSOs are equipped with necessary CHP equipment. Maintenance shall be coordinated through appropriate fleet administration. The aforementioned vehicles shall not be exchanged between Protectees. The CHP unmarked vehicles assigned to PSOs shall be tastefully selected with reference to color. The largest vehicle models available should be assigned. The following equipment should be included except where noted:

- (1) Undercover license plate.
- (2) CHP radio with extender capability.
- (3) Red light, wigwag headlights, and siren.
- (4) First aid or Emergency Medical Technician kit.

- (5) Fire extinguisher.
- (6) Flashlight.
- (7) Local maps.
- (8) Rear shelf reading light.
- (9) Trunk mounted shotgun (optional).
- (10) Extra vehicle key retained by driver.
- (11) Additional protective vest for Protectee (optional).

b. Personal Equipment.

- (1) Department approved sidearm (Smith & Wesson 4006 or 4013), reserve ammunition, handcuffs, badge, and identification card.
- (2) Appropriate civilian attire shall be worn. Fad or extreme styles are not considered acceptable under normal circumstances.
- (3) State issued cellular phone.
- (4) The wearing of the protective vest is optional, but it shall be available.

3. PERSONNEL SELECTION CRITERIA.

- a. Personnel selection shall be at the discretion of the PSD commander.

4. TRAINING.

- a. Officers assigned to PSOs shall have completed the Protection of Public Officials (POPO) 40-hour course. The POPO course will cover a variety of topics including but not limited to motorcades, advances, principle movements, and vehicle operations.
- b. Protective Services Division, DPS shall act as the statewide coordinator for POPO training and shall maintain a roster of trained officers.

5. TRAVEL. Personal Security Operations on Commercial Air Carriers.

a. Transportation Security Administration Regulations (49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 1544.219) authorize all uniformed law enforcement personnel to carry a firearm onboard an aircraft provided they have received proper training. Officers flying armed while on PSOs shall adhere to CHP policy outlined in Highway Patrol Manual 70.8, Firearms Manual.

6. LAPEL PINS.

a. At the discretion of the detail/section commander, officers assigned to PSOs through GPD or DPS shall use National Governor's Security Association (NGSA) lapel pins. The NGSA determines the pin color for allotted time frames.

b. At the discretion of the detail/section commander, officers assigned to PSOs through JPS shall use the departmental JPS lapel pins.

c. Protective Services Division shall maintain strict control of the pins assigned. The lapel pins shall be used only for plainclothes PSOs for the aforementioned Protectees or for other details as directed by the PSD commander.