

**CHAPTER 7**  
**REGULATIONS FOR SPECIALIZED UNIFORM ITEMS**  
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## CHAPTER 7

### REGULATIONS FOR SPECIALIZED UNIFORM ITEMS

#### 1. GENERAL.

- a. The uniform and equipment items in this chapter may be worn by personnel assigned to specialized duties. These optional items shall conform to the guidelines in Annex A of this chapter.
- b. Uniform specifications for departmental volunteer programs, such as the Explorer Program and the Senior Volunteer Program, are contained in the respective manuals for these programs.

#### 2. AVIATION.

a. Aviation Fire-Retardant Garments. Departmental aircrew employees shall wear the Department-issued fire-retardant flight suit and gloves while performing flight duties. The Department-issued flight jacket may be worn during periods of cold weather. Aircrew employees shall not wear any other jacket in lieu of, or in addition to, the fire-retardant jacket.

(1) Employees shall not wear any exterior flammable clothing during flight operations. Undergarments should be 100 percent cotton.

(2) Flight suits and flight jackets shall be complete with shoulder patches and any applicable insignia of rank. Placement of rank and aircrew employee insignia is specified in paragraph 2.b. of this chapter.

b. Nameplate–Aircrew Insignia–Leather. Aircraft crew employees shall wear the leather nameplate with the appropriate aircrew insignia when wearing the Department-issued flight suit and/or flight jacket. The nameplate shall be directly above and centered over the right pocket.

(1) Pilot Duty. Only aircraft crew employees assigned to and performing pilot duties are allowed to wear the specified type of pilot wings nameplate.

(2) Flight Officer Duty. Only aircraft crew employees assigned to and performing flight officer duties are allowed to wear the specified type of aircraft flight officer wings nameplate.

(3) Executive Officers. Only executive officers assigned to and performing in the flight operations program are allowed to wear the specified type of leather nameplate.

c. Aircrew Winged Insignia. Aircraft crew employees may wear the appropriate winged insignia, as specified below.

(1) Pilot Wings. Only aircraft crew employees assigned to and performing pilot duties are authorized to wear the specified type of pilot wings.



(2) Flight Officer Wings. Only aircraft crew employees assigned to and performing aircraft flight officer duties are allowed to wear the specified type of aircraft flight officer wings.



(3) Placement. The aircrew insignia shall be worn above the Enforcement Safety Recognition Emblem/nameplate, centered over the right pocket of the shirt, jacket, or flight suit and shall touch the top edge of the nameplate.

d. Helmet–Aviation. The wearing of helmets by uniformed employees assigned to flight duty is governed by Highway Patrol Manual 100.7, Air Operations Manual, Chapter 5, Aviation Safety.

e. Boots–Flight Safety. Footwear worn with the flight suit shall conform to the specifications in Annex A of this chapter.

3. BICYCLE PATROL. Departmental employees shall wear the approved bicycle uniform while performing bicycle duties (refer to Annex A). The approved bicycle jacket may be worn during periods of cold weather.

NOTE: The bicycle shirt and bicycle jacket shall be complete with shoulder patches and applicable insignia of rank. Placement of rank insignia shall be in accordance with policy for other uniform items.

- a. Helmet. The Department-issued bicycle helmet shall be worn at all times while the officer is riding the departmental bicycle.
- b. Footwear. Footwear worn with the bicycle uniform shall conform to the specifications in Annex A of this chapter.
- c. Shorts. Departmental employees may wear the approved shorts while performing bicycle patrol duties.
- d. Jacket. Departmental bicycle patrol employees may wear the approved bicycle jacket while performing bicycle duties.

4. MOUNTED DUTY.

- a. Whistle Chain. Departmental mounted patrol employees assigned to and while performing mounted patrol duties may use the approved whistle chain.
- b. Helmet. Departmental mounted patrol employees shall wear the Department-issued helmet while performing mounted patrol duties.
- c. Boots. Boots shall conform to the specifications contained in Annex A of this chapter.

5. CHAPLAIN UNIFORM. The Chaplain insignia is not authorized for wear on the uniform.

6. SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM.

- a. Identification Patch–Type 1 Special Response Team–Cloth. Special Response Team members shall wear the appropriate cloth identification patch (refer to Annex A) when wearing the turtle suit/vest. The identification patch shall be directly above and centered over the right pocket.

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#### 1. AVIATION FIRE-RETARDANT GARMENTS.

##### a. Flight Suits.

(1) Fabric. The fabric shall be 6 1/2-ounce Nomex III gabardine.

(2) Color. The color shall be khaki (tan).

NOTE: The flight suit shall be complete with rank insignia and shoulder patches.

##### b. Gloves.

(1) Fabric. The fabric shall be a single layer of 9.6-ounce knit Nomex.

(2) Color. Brown, military type.

##### c. Jacket.

(1) Name. The jacket shall be known as the California Highway Patrol Nomex Flight Jacket.

(2) Fabric. The fabric shall be 6 1/2-ounce Nomex III gabardine. The color shall be navy blue. All pockets, facing, and inserts shall be of the same material.

#### 2. HELMET-AVIATION.

a. Material. To be fiberglass and must meet current military specifications for aviators' helmets (Gentex Corporation or equivalent).

b. Color. White.

c. Accessories. To be equipped with dual visors, one clear and one tinted, with a single visor housing. When not in use, the helmet and accessories shall be stored in the Department-issued carrying bag.

d. Flag Decals. United States flag decals shall be centered on the back of the helmet, 1 1/2 inches above the base of the helmet.

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#### 3. BOOTS–FLIGHT SAFETY.

- a. Material. Leather.
- b. Color. Boots shall be black polishable leather or the specified non-all leather aviation boots. Boot laces shall be black in color (Chippewa ESP-242 Firefighter Boot, Belleville 700, or Belleville 770).
- c. Style. To be of top quality, zippered, and laced in the front. Boots shall be 9 to 11 inches in height.

NOTE: Speed laces secured with cinch clamps may be worn by employees assigned to the Division Air Operations Unit, purchased at their own expense.



#### 4. NAMEPLATE–AIRCREW INSIGNIA.

- a. Material. Leather.
- b. Color. Black with gold embossing.
- c. Style. To be rectangular in shape, size approximately 2 inches in width and 4 inches in length. To be embroidered.
- d. Specifications. Specifications of aircrew employees' insignia nameplates will be controlled through the Office of Air Operations. Actual manufactured nameplate to match the sample provided by the Office of Air Operations.



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#### 5. BICYCLE DUTY–UNIFORM.

##### a. Shirt, Long-Sleeve.

(1) Fabric. To be made of 94 percent performance nylon and 6 percent Lycra stretch, with moisture management. Shall have a Teflon finish for stain, wrinkle, and snag resistance. Refer to Highway Patrol Guide (HPG) 73.6, Uniform and Equipment Specifications Guide, Chapter 2, Uniform Items, for further specifications.

(2) Color. Navy blue.

NOTE: The shirt for female officers may be designed to include up to six darts.

b. Shirt, Short-Sleeve. The short-sleeve shirt shall meet the same specifications as the long-sleeve shirt, with the exception of the sleeves.

##### c. Pants.

(1) Fabric. To be made of 94 percent performance nylon and 6 percent Lycra stretch, with moisture management. Shall have a Teflon finish for stain, wrinkle, and snag resistance. Refer to HPG 73.6, Chapter 2, for further specifications.

(2) Color. Navy blue.

(3) Style. To be pull-on style, shaped to conform to the body of the wearer. Shall have tapered legs, with ankle tabs with hook and loop closure at the hem, as well as a zipper front fly.

(4) Optional Zip-Off Pant Legs.

(a) Zipper. A zipper on each pant leg allows the pants to become shorts.

(b) Length. When worn as shorts, shall not be higher than 1 inch above the top of the knee.

##### d. Shorts.

(1) Fabric. To be made of 94 percent performance nylon and 6 percent Lycra stretch, with moisture management. Shall have a Teflon finish for stain,

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wrinkle, and snag resistance. Refer to HPG 73.6, Chapter 2, for further specifications.

(2) Color. Navy blue.

(3) Style. To be pull-on style, shaped to conform to the figure of the wearer. Shall have a zipper-front fly.

(4) Length. Shall not be higher than 1 inch above the top of the knee.

e. Helmet.

(1) Color. Shell to be finished blue and gold with a durable high-gloss finish. All leather parts showing to the outside, when worn, to be finished black.

(2) Flag Decals. United States flag decals shall be centered on the left side of the helmet, directly above the CHP logo.



f. Footwear.

(1) Style. To be athletic style high-top or low-top shoes. Shoes and laces shall be solid black in color. The soles should be relatively smooth and easily removed from the foot straps on the bicycle pedals.

(2) Maximum Toe Point Contour. Shoes with toes that have a sharper (pointed) toe than shown in Annex A of Chapter 5, Regulations for Required Uniform Items, of this manual are not acceptable and shall not be worn.

(3) Heel Thickness and Allowable Bevel. Shoes or boots with heels thicker than 1 1/2 inches are not to be worn. Heels with a bevel in excess of 1/4 inch are not allowed.

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#### 6. MOUNTED DUTY.

a. Helmet. Same as motorcycle duty helmet. Refer to Chapter 5 of this manual for policy and specifications.

(1) Color. Shell to be finished blue and gold with a durable high-gloss finish. All leather parts showing to the outside, when worn, to be finished black.

(2) Flag Decals. United States flag decals shall be centered on the back of the helmet in the black portion, 1/2 inch below the gold edge.



#### b. Boots.

(1) Style. To be plain-toed, with smooth finish, and laced-over instep not to exceed 8 inches. Black calfskin vamp with black Dehcord uppers. Upper outside of top to include gore that does not exceed 4 inches, with lace, zipper, or strap and buckle closure. Boot laces shall be black in color. Soles are to be smooth or ribbed.

NOTE: Boots with concealed back seam zippers may be worn when the size of the wearer's legs precludes the wearing of boots of regular construction.



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(2) Upper Stock. Height to be not less than 18 inches or more than 20 inches. Height of leg is measured from the sole to the top of the inside of the boot.

NOTE: When the length of a wearer's legs preclude the wearing of boots within prescribed dimensions, a shorter or taller boot may be worn provided the top of the boot, after wrinkling at the ankle, is not less than 1 inch below the bone on the inside of the leg, which is known to the boot industry as the boot bone.

#### 7. IDENTIFICATION PATCH–TYPE 1 SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM.

- a. Material. Cloth.
- b. Color. Black with gold embossing.
- c. Style. Rectangular in shape, hook-and-pile backing.
- d. Size. Approximately 2 inches in width, 4 inches in length.
- e. Specifications. Specifications for the Type 1 Special Response Team employee turtle suit/vest identification patch will be at the direction of the Assistant Commissioner, Field (ACF). Actual manufactured identification patch to match the sample provided by ACF.

