



FROSTBURG CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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High Visibility Apparel

I. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide directives on the required wear of high visibility apparel.

II. Definitions:

- A. **“Department”** means the Police Department of the City of Frostburg.
- B. **“High Visibility Rain Gear”** means a raincoat which meets or exceeds ANSI/ISEA 207-2006 requirements.
- C. **“High Visibility Vest”** means a vest issued or approved by the Department, which meets or exceeds ANSI/ISEA 207-2006 requirements.
- D. **“Officer”** means a Police Officer of the Police Department of the City of Frostburg.

III. Policy:

- A. It is the policy of the Department that Officers wear high visibility apparel under the circumstances and as required in the procedures below.

IV. Procedure:

- A. **Required Wear.** Officers shall wear a High Visibility Vest or High Visibility Rain Gear when:
 - 1. Performing traffic control duties outside of a police vehicle;
 - 2. Investigating a motor vehicle crash at the scene;
 - 3. Working in a roadway or area with moving traffic; or
 - 4. Directed by a supervisor.
- B. **Exceptions.** Officers should not wear a High Visibility Vest or High Visibility Rain Gear when:
 - 1. There is a reasonable potential for violence and wearing the vest would be unsafe or tactically disadvantageous, such as



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- a. During traffic stops while using a police vehicle (High Visibility Vest or High Visibility Raincoat required for “step-out” stops); or
- b. When an emergency occurs and there is no time to retrieve and wear a High Visibility Vest or High Visibility Raincoat. In this scenario, one of these items should be worn as required as soon as reasonably and safely possible.