WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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2.1.3 SOFT BODY ARMOR

A. This safety equipment is intended to provide upper torso protection against selected handgun threat. All officers assigned to patrol must wear their vest.

B. The only exceptions will be for short term medical reasons or duty details where heat exhaustion may result. These exceptions must first be approved by a supervisor. Short term means one twelve (12) hour period. Any time exceptions past this twelve hour period must be approved by administration.

C. Personnel should periodically inspect vest for rips, tears, etc. Vest will be replaced if warranted.

D. When worn only neck area of the vest will be visible.

E. Non-uniformed officers will have a vest purchased by the township and will have the option to wear or not to wear while on duty. However, it is strongly suggested that non-uniformed officers wear the vest when involved in matters where an element of personal danger exists. Example, felony arrests, warrant service, stake-outs, etc. When non-uniformed officers perform uniform duty, vests are mandatory