

**MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
PATROL SERVICES POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**

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TRAFFIC SAFETY VEST

POLICY

It is the policy of the Marin County Sheriff's Department to follow the mandates set forth in 23 CFR Part 634 as they apply to workers who perform duties upon a Federal-aid highway being required to wear appropriate high visibility apparel.

DEFINITION

TRAFFIC SAFETY VEST is a high visibility reflective vest that meets ANSI 207 standards.

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY is any public roadway constructed or maintained with funding received in whole or in part from the Federal government. For purposes of this policy, any public roadway within the County of Marin is considered to be a Federal-aid highway.

PROCEDURE

Pursuant to Federal law, all Sheriff's Office personnel assigned to direct traffic, investigate crashes, or manage traffic lane closures, obstructed roadways, and/or disasters occurring within the public right-of-way of a Federal-aid highway are required to wear a department issued traffic safety vest. The traffic safety vest shall be worn over the staff member's outermost shirt, jacket, or coat.

This regulation does not require deputies to wear a traffic safety vest during routine traffic stops or related short term enforcement activities.

Sheriff's Office personnel assigned to the Patrol Division will be issued a traffic safety vest for the duration of their assignment to that Division. All such personnel are responsible for having their individually assigned traffic safety vests immediately available to them throughout the course of their assigned shift. If a vest becomes damaged or is otherwise unavailable or un-useable, immediate notification is to be made to the staff member's supervisor so a replacement vest can be arranged.

RELATED STANDARDS
23 CFR, Part 634

AFFECTED DIVISIONS
Patrol

DATE REVISED
None

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