

Visible Display of Identification

1022.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

State **MODIFIED**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for all California Department of State Hospitals (DSH), Office of Protective Services (OPS) officers to be readily identifiable to the public by the visible display of the OPS name and individual identifying information when performing enforcement duties, except in described limited specific circumstances (Government Code § 7288).

This policy equally applies to uniformed and non-uniformed officers. This policy serves as a declaration that DSH is committed to transparency, accountability, and public trust.

1022.1.1 DEFINITIONS

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Definitions related to this policy include:

Enforcement duties - Active and planned operations involving the arrest or detention of an individual, or deployment for crowd control purposes.

Officer - Those employees, regardless of rank, who are sworn peace officers of the California Department of State Hospitals, Office of Protective Services.

Visibly display identification - To wear externally on the uniform in a size and location such as to be reasonably visible to a member of the public with whom the officer interacts.

1022.2 POLICY

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It is the policy of OPS that all officers visibly display identification when performing enforcement duties except in circumstances set forth in this policy.

1022.3 VISIBLE DISPLAY OF IDENTIFICATION

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Whenever performing enforcement duties, including when not-uniformed, every officer or investigator shall visibly display identification, including the name of this DSH/OPS and either the officer's name or badge number, or both name and badge number.

This requirement shall not apply under the following conditions:

- (a) When officers are engaged in active undercover operations or investigative activities
- (b) When officers are wearing personal protective equipment that prevents display
- (c) When exigent circumstances exist involving an imminent danger to persons or property, the escape of a perpetrator, or the destruction of evidence, including if the officer is responding to those circumstances while off-duty

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(d) When there is a specific, articulable, and particularized reason to believe that identification would pose a significant danger to the physical safety of the officer

1022.4 POSTING OF POLICY

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The OPS shall make this policy publicly available on the DSH website.

A written challenge regarding this policy shall be forwarded to the Chief of Law Enforcement or the authorized designee, who shall then have 90 days to address or correct any alleged deficiencies. Court proceedings may not be initiated by the challenging party until this 90-day period has been completed.

1022.5 RESPONSIBILITIES

Agency Content

The Hospital Police Chief or the authorized designee at each facility shall ensure that all OPS members under their command receive appropriate training on this policy and comply with this requirement.