



HIGH VISABILITY TRAFFIC VESTS	
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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to ensure the safety of all officers while assigned to traffic details.

II. POLICY

- A. Members of the Sheriff's Office shall wear high-visibility, ANSI traffic safety vests under the following conditions:
 - 1. When assigned to a regularly scheduled traffic control post.
 - 2. When a member is directing traffic, working a traffic accident, check-point, or any other incident where the member would be in traffic for a prolonged time.
 - 3. It will not be mandatory, but recommended, to wear a reflective vest when a member is in a traffic control situation for a short period of time.
 - a. Wearing a reflective vest becomes mandatory, during short traffic control situations, after dark or when the traffic volume becomes dangerous to the officer.
 - 4. A reflective vest may not be worn if it creates a dangerous situation for the officer, i.e. there is an armed and dangerous suspect in the area.

III. EQUIPMENT

- A. The traffic safety vest shall be the fluorescent green, ANSI approved class II vest, which meets the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, Dept. of Transportation regulations 23 CFR part 634.
- B. Each member will be issued a traffic safety vest by the quartermaster.

By Order Of

Derek Osborne
 Sheriff