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Columbus Division of Police Unveils New Uniforms

Beginning this week, some Columbus Police officers will be wearing a new uniform. The new uniform will be worn as everyday wear by uniformed personnel. Officers and sergeants will be required to wear the new uniform while lieutenants and higher ranking personnel will have the option to wear it or the traditional white uniform. The new uniform consist of a navy blue button up shirt, or a navy blue external vest carrier over a navy blue base shirt. Both the button up shirt and external vest feature an embroidered badge on the left and the officer's last name and badge number on the right. A navy blue ball cap may be worn with this uniform. It is important to note this new uniform will still have a place for personnel to wear their issued Body Worn Camera.

The traditional white uniform will be reserved for ceremonies, funerals, other formal occasions, or when approved by the Chief of Police. This Class A uniform consists of the long sleeve white shirt with metal nameplate and breast badge and a black tie, as well as a white eight-point hat.

Depending on their assignment and job duties, higher ranking supervisors (lieutenants and above) may opt to wear a Class C uniform, which consists of a short or long-sleeve white shirt with metal nameplate and breast badge, an optional black tie, and a white eight-point hat.

A brochure explaining these new uniforms as well as high resolution photos are attached to this media release.

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Bicycle, Mounted, and Marine Park Units

Bicycle officers and members of the Mounted Unit and Marine Park Unit will wear a variation of the Class B Uniform that consists of a short-sleeve or long-sleeve navy blue shirt with reflective markings. When not wearing a helmet, they may wear the navy blue ball cap.



The purpose of a police uniform is to ensure officers are easily identifiable to the public as law enforcement officials. Members of the Columbus Division of Police will soon be suiting up in a new uniform, but will remain dedicated to protecting and serving the citizens of Columbus. The traditional white uniform shirt has been worn by CPD for many decades, but Officers and Sergeants will now be reserving it for ceremonies and other formal occasions. Officers and Sergeants will now wear a navy blue uniform shirt and may wear an external vest during their day to day duties. Lieutenants and Command Staff will have the option of wearing the traditional white shirt, or the new navy blue uniform. Members of specialized units or assignments will continue to wear uniforms designated for their particular job duties. While they may have a new look, the men and women of the Columbus Division of Police will remain visible to the members of our community, and devoted to providing excellent public service.

THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS
ANDREW J. GINTHER, MAYOR

New Uniform, Same PRIDE of CPD



Columbus Division of Police

Class A

The traditional uniform will be reserved for ceremonies, funerals, other formal occasions or when approved by the Chief of Police. The Class A Uniform consists of the long-sleeve white shirt and black tie, the white eight-point hat, metal name plate and breast badge.



Class B

This functional uniform will be worn as every day wear by uniformed officers and sergeants, and may be worn by higher-ranking supervisors. The Class B Uniform consists of the navy blue button up shirt, or a navy blue external vest carrier over a navy blue base shirt. It is available in both short and long sleeves, and both the button up shirt and external vest feature an embroidered badge on the left and the officer's last name and badge number on the right. A navy blue ball cap may be worn with this uniform.



Class C

Depending on their assignment and job duties, higher-ranking supervisors may opt to wear the traditional white shirt instead of the navy blue Class B Uniform. The Class C Uniform consists of the short-sleeve or long-sleeve white shirt, and the optional wearing of the black tie and white eight-point hat. This uniform is permitted as every day wear for those at the rank of Lieutenant or above.

