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sweater

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ITEM: SWEATER- OPTIONAL

DESIGN: The sweater will be lightweight commando style V-neck rib knit sweater with fleece backing. Straight body, with set-in sleeves epaulets, stretch binding at the cuffs and waistband. Patch shoulders and elbows, horizontal welt pockets with snap closures on the lower front. Epaulets with optional zipper front.

MATERIAL: Shell Fabric Yarn: 57% polyester, 28% long staple worsted wool 15% low pill acrylic. 2x1 rib knit on the front and 100% polyester fleece on the back.

COLORFAST: Machine washable and dry cleanable

COLOR: Navy blue

TRIM: Stretch nylon binding

PATCH FABRIC: 100 nylon ripstop weave 70 denier warp, 160 denier filling. Urethane non-ravel backcoating for breathability.

CONSTRUCTION: All seams will be overlocked with yarn and thread that match the color of the base yarn. All seams will be folded flat and top stitched.

SLEEVES: Will have a standard single-seam construction at shoulder, back and front of sweater.

Shoulder Patch: Will be centered and attached to the shoulder sleeve seam. 8 1/2" long and 6 1/2" wide of patch fabric will be folded under 1/8" and top stitched 1/16" from edge. The shoulder patch will form a yoke in front and back of shoulder.

Elbow Patches: Will be rectangular in design 11" long and 4" wide at bottom and 4 3/4" wide of patch fabric will be completely folded under 1/8" and topstitched 1/16" from edge.

Epaulets: Will have three points, will be smooth, flat and uniform in it's placement. Epaulets will be constructed of two plies of patch fabric and one ply of fusible inner facing. The epaulet will be 6" long and at shoulder seam and taper to and 2"-2 1/4" wide at pointed end. The epaulet will be topstitched 1/4" at shoulder seam. Entire pointed end will be top stitched 1/16" through shoulder patch and entire thickness of shoulder seam.

V-Neck: Collar will be constructed with base knit fabric folded to 1 1/4" width, stitched to front and back of sweater. Seam will be pressed flat and topstitched 1/4" from edge.

Pockets: There will be two horizontal single welt pockets 3/4" x 6 1/4" on the lower front of the sweater. The pocket will be construction from patch fabric. The pocketing will be attached to the waistband of the sweater to stabilize and prevent movement.

Pocket Snaps: The pocket snaps will be 5/16" metallic non-rust-type snap closures centered on the back side of the welt and the front of pocket lining.

Badge Patch: There will be a badge patch on left breast made of 2-ply patch fabric measuring 3" wide X 4" high, and top stitched 1/16" to the sweater. There will be two black aluminum type eyelets size No. 00 set 1 3/8" and centered vertically on the patch.

Nameplate Patch: There will be a nameplate patch on the right breast made of 2- ply patch fabric measuring 1 1/2" high x 3 1/2" wide topstitched 1/16" to sweater. There will be two black aluminum type eyelets size No. 00 set 1 5/8" apart and centered horizontally on the patch.

Insignias/Patches: The Chicago Police shoulder patch, commensurate with the members rank, will be centered and sewn on the left arm, 3/4" below the left shoulder seam.

The City of Chicago flag shoulder patch will be centered and Sewn on the right arm 3/4" below the right shoulder seam.

Trim: The wrist cuff and waistband will be trimmed with 1/4" wide stretch binding sewn over entire edge for a clean finished appearance.

Zipper (Optional): The V-neck zipper will be a black YKK-type plastic top-locking zipper, 18-22" long. Professionally tailored to allow the zipper teeth to be visible. Male/female versions of zippers will be used.

SIZES:

Size Range: Sweaters will be constructed in men and women sizes.

XS	(32-34)
S	(36-38)
M	(40-42)
L	(44-46)
XL	(48-50)
XXL	(52-54)
XXXL	(56-58)

MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFICATIONS:

Labels: All garments will be permanently labeled with the manufacturer country of origin, size, fiber content, and care instructions. The label will state that the garment is approved for use by Chicago Police Department members. No manufacturer or representative may suggest that a garment is an approved Chicago Police Department garment without prior inspection of a completed sample and written authorization of the Director, Research and Development Division, Chicago Police Department.

AUTHORIZATIONS:

1. The sweater as prescribed in this specification is classified as an optional uniform item for all sworn members.
2. Members will ensure that when purchasing a sweater as specified in this specification, that the garment is sized to fit over the prescribed soft body armor.
3. The specified sweater can be worn with the class B or C Alternate uniform configuration.

NOTE: Bureau deputy superintendents can authorize the designated uniform of the day through a written directive. This directive will supercede the members discretion of wearing alternate or optional uniform items.

RESTRICTIONS:

The sweater may be worn as an outer garment at the members discretion. However the following restrictions will apply.

2. The appropriate shoulder patches, including wool/felt chevrons for those members of the rank of sergeant, will be properly sewn on the garment. Members of the rank of lieutenant and above will affix their appropriate rank insignia on the epaulets.
3. The uniform shirt may be worn with an open collar or tie at the member's option. When worn with an open collar, the collar button will be left open and the collar neatly spread over the sweater. However, when the sweater is removed and the shirt becomes the outer garment, seasonal uniform requirements as detailed in the General Order entitled "Uniform Citizen's Dress and Personal Equipment" will apply.
4. The member's star and nameplate/ unit designator will be properly affixed to the garment.
5. The sweater will either be worn tucked into the uniform trousers or neatly folded under (bloused) in such a fashion that the folded bottom is even with the top of the duty belt and does not interfere with the member's ability to utilize the equipment on the duty belt.

NOTE: When worn, the zippered sweater will always be worn untucked and neatly folded under.
6. Department awards or authorized pins **will not** be worn on the sweater
7. Soft body armor must be worn **under** the sweater when:
 - a. The sweater has the zippered front;
 - b. The members is not wearing the approved **black** outer vest carrier;
 - c. The outer carrier is inappropriate for duty use ie worn, dirty, too short.
8. Soft body armor can be worn **over** the sweater when:
 - a. The sweater has a straight non-zippered front
 - b. The outer carrier is of an approved style and color

Authenticated by:



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