**12.02.03.02 BODY ARMOR**

**1.0 REFERENCE**

 WAC 296-305-02012

**2.0 POLICY**

**2.1** Body armor when provided shall be used by members during operations that present a hazard from ballistic weapons fire or similar risk, whether real or potential, for their protection.

**2.2** Body armorshall be used, maintained, cleaned and stored in compliance with the manufacturer’s recommendations.

**2.3** All protective body armor shall meet or exceed National Institute of Justice NIF 0101. 04; Threat Level II requirements or the June 2001 revision, NIJ 0101.04A.

**2.4** Body armor shall be correctly fitted following the manufacturer's recommendations and shall not be used beyond the manufacturer's warranty.

**3.0 RESPONSIBILITY**

**3.1** VARIABLE shall be responsible for managing the body armor program.

**4.0 DEFINITIONS**

**5.0 GUIDELINES**

**6.0 ADDITIONAL REFERENCES**

**7.0 APPENDIX**

 N/A