

CORPORATE APPEARANCE AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT STANDARD

uniformity does not extend to police officers bearing tattoos on their forearm. In these circumstances, tattoos must be covered by a long-sleeved shirt in both summer and winter months.

At centrally controlled events, whether on a District, Area or Provincial basis, the operational order should clearly state the dress that will be worn.

2.1 Wearing Of Uniform to Public Events Extraneous To Normal Duty

The design and style of the uniform of the PSNI rests with the Chief Constable and is an occupational mode of dress. Therefore, uniform should only be worn when an officer is officially representing the police service. If an officer wishes to formally represent the service at any event, ceremony or function, which is not part of their normal duty and is outside of Northern Ireland, they should make application to the Chief Constable for permission to do so. If an officer wishes to formally represent the service at any event, ceremony or function within Northern Ireland, they should make application to their District Commander/Branch Head.

Any report on this subject should include answers to the following questions:

- What event is being attended?
- Where is the event taking place?
- Has the officer been invited to attend the event, if so by whom?
- What role will the officer undertake?
- What Department, District, or Association within PSNI is the officer representing?
- What uniform items will be worn?

In all cases where approval is granted, uniform must be worn appropriate to the prevailing weather conditions, in order that the dignity of the uniform is maintained at all times. All officers attending such events are reminded of Health and Safety considerations and the importance of presenting a professional image of the PSNI.

2.2 Tabards / Baseball Caps

Police identification waistcoats (tabards) of fluorescent material and baseball caps are available to members of ROC or plain-clothes officers to provide an effective