



### UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT: TACTICAL RESCUE KNIFE POLICY

Policy 1046.16 states that all sworn personnel working in a “Field” environment may carry an authorized tactical rescue knife while on duty whether in uniform or in plainclothes. The purchasing or acquiring of the Tactical Rescue Knife will be at the expense or responsibility of the employee. Authorized Tactical Rescue Knife Criteria:

1. The knife should be a quality folding knife with a locking blade
2. The blade should not exceed four (4) inches in length
3. The blade can be straight, serrated or a combination of both straight and serrated
4. The Tactical Rescue Knife must not violate any Federal or State laws

In addition to physical characteristic requirements, requirements pertaining to the method of carry are as follows:

- The Tactical Rescue Knife shall NOT be displayed in an offensive or threatening manner
- The Tactical Rescue Knife shall NOT be carried on or attached to the duty belt or in an open sheath or knife holster
- The Tactical Rescue Knife shall NOT be carried on or attached to the outer vest carrier in a manner visible to the public
- Retention, safety, and concealment of the knife from public view is the employee’s responsibility
- The Tactical Rescue Knife should NOT appear to be menacing or threatening to the public

See below for some potential examples of authorized and unauthorized Tactical Rescue Knife options:

AUTHORIZED:	UNAUTHORIZED:
	

Some specialty units require Special Use Knives that can be utilized for specific tasks. Employees working in a unique or special assignment may carry a Special Use Knife, which deviates from the above specifications, with their Commander’s approval.

Please contact your immediate supervisor if you have any questions regarding the above requirements.

