



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 311-1-01 General uniform regulations.

Effective: December 15, 2025

(A) The uniform for Ohio county sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, male and female, shall consist only of the articles of clothing and other uniform items prescribed by this chapter of the Administrative Code.

(B) County sheriffs and deputy sheriffs shall be either fully in uniform or in civilian dress.

(1) Civilian clothing shall not be worn with any part of the uniform.

(2) No partial wearing of the uniform is allowed.

(3) County sheriffs and deputy sheriffs shall be fully in uniform during normal duty and during that sheriff's or deputy sheriff's normal working hours. The sheriff may authorize alternative dress in cases of either emergency duty or duties that are incompatible with uniform dress.

(C) The uniform shall be worn only during on-duty hours, while on extra or special duty work, or when otherwise authorized by the sheriff.

(D) All of the sheriff's employees shall be clean and well-groomed when on duty.

(E) It is recommended that deputies assigned to correctional duty not wear metal accessories or insignia.

(F) All uniform garments and items purchased on or after ninety days from the effective date of this rule shall conform to the requirements and specifications of this chapter. When an item of the uniform has changed in this chapter, all purchases made after the effective date of the change of that item must be in compliance with the requirements and specifications of this chapter. Items purchased prior to the effective date and in compliance with the earlier version need not be changed to comply with the current version.



(G) Whenever possible, county sheriffs shall purchase uniforms that are made in Ohio.

(H) As used in sections 311-1-01 to 311-1-16 of the Administrative Code, "civilian dress" means any clothing not described in these sections.