

# ILLINOIS STATE POLICE DIRECTIVE

## EQP-012, HIGH-VISIBILITY VESTS

<b>RESCINDS:</b> EQP-012, 2014-003, revised 01-11-2014.	<b>REVISED:</b> 09-01-2015 <b>2015-064</b>
<b>RELATED DOCUMENTS:</b> EQP-007	<b>RELATED CALEA STANDARDS:</b> 61.3.2

### I. POLICY

The Illinois State Police (ISP) shall provide high-visibility retro-reflective safety vests that meet or exceed Performance Class 2 requirements of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/ International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA) 207-2011 national standard for use while performing certain duties.

### II. AUTHORITY

- II.A. 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 634, "Worker Visibility"
- II.B. ANSI/ISEA 207-2011 "American Standard for High-Visibility Public Safety Vests"

### III. PROCEDURES

III.A. The Quartermaster Section, Logistics Bureau, Division of Administration will issue high-visibility retro-reflective vests to all officers. These high-visibility retro-reflective safety vests must meet or exceed Performance Class 2 of the ANSI/ISEA 207-2011 standards.

III.B. Personnel engaged in the following will wear high-visibility retro-reflective safety vest:

- III.B.1. Directing or controlling traffic
- III.B.2. Roadside Safety Check
- III.B.3. Investigating crashes
- III.B.4. Handling lane closures
- III.B.5. Handling obstructed roadways
- III.B.6. Any other situation or condition for which the officer or supervisor believes the increased level of visibility would be prudent

Exemption: Wearing of the vest may be delayed during the immediate response to the above incidents and until the scene is stabilized and retrieving the vest does not cause an undue safety hazard. Per FHWA, "Enforcement activities" of short duration, such as traffic stops, do not require the retro-reflective vest to be worn.

III.C. Personnel may **not** substitute the issued raincoat or all season jacket.

- III.C.1. The ISP "All-Season jacket" with retro-reflective panels **does not** meet the required standards.
- III.C.2. The issued high-visibility retro-reflective safety vest will be worn over the raincoat or all season jacket.

III.D. Personnel may utilize a personally purchased retro-reflective vest provided:

- III.D.1. The vest meets all standards described in this policy.
- III.D.2. It is of a similar design and color of the standard issued vest.
- III.D.3. It displays "State Police" on the front and/or back portion(s) of the vest
- III.D.4. It is approved by the District Commander.

III.E. Unless otherwise stated, officers will follow the manufacturers' care and maintenance instructions.

| Indicates new or revised items.

**-End of Directive-**