



Police Department

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Letter from the Chief of Police

Subject: Private Security Officers and Private Security Agencies Ordinance 3.72.

Welcome to the Wichita Police Department website. The Wichita Police Department manages the private security industry in the City of Wichita.

Wichita Police Department Private Security Mission Statement:

The mission of the Private Security Section is to promote excellence in private security service delivery through the continued development of professional standards, ethical behavior, and the delivery of quality training; and to continue to address emerging trends in the private security industry.

As delineated by the Private Security Ordinance 3.72, the Chief of Police shall approve all weapons and equipment for Private Security Officers. **However, please note that pursuant to House Bill #2578 which is effective July 1, 2014, firearms and knives will no longer be regulated or subject to approval by the City of Wichita.**

Section 3.72.205 of the Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas, reads as follows:

“Equipment and duty gear authorized by Chief of Police – carrying unauthorized equipment or wearing of unauthorized duty gear prohibited. A list of authorized equipment and duty gear which may be carried, used and/or worn by private security officers permitted under this chapter and according to each category of permit shall be in writing and signed by the Chief of Police. Such list shall be posted on the Wichita Police Department’s website and otherwise made available to all private security officers, agencies, and permit applicants. Carrying or use of any unauthorized equipment or wearing of any unauthorized duty gear by a private security officer permitted under this chapter, or carrying or use of any equipment not authorized for the category of permit possessed by any private security officer is a violation of this ordinance and shall be punished as set forth in Section 3.72.340.”

Effective July 01, 2013, the Chief of Police has authorized the following duty gear to be utilized by private security officers within the City of Wichita and this updated section of the ordinance addresses changes in the uniform standards of the private security personnel working in the city limits of Wichita, Kansas.

Duty Gear

Uniformed security officers must wear a duty belt as defined: under belt, outside belt, outside belt with duty belt type holster, handcuff case, mace case, baton holder and magazine pouches.

The wearing of nylon duty gear is acceptable, however, mixing of the two will not be allowed.

Holster

Holster is defined as a manufactures specific for weapon. The wearing of tactical, dropdown or plastic (off duty) type holster will not be allowed. This includes the wearing of shoulder type holsters.

Handcuffs

Must be chain type

Baton

Expandable, 26 inches or less

Electronic Control Devices

Taser Brand

-X26C

Mace

Stream type, less than 3 ounces of 0.18%, or less, Oleorsin Capsicum