

# VOLUNTEER UNIFORM STANDARDS

## VOLUNTEER SPECIALIST UNIFORM



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# SUPPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER UNIFORM SPECIFICATIONS

## UNIFORM WEARING

### General:

You are expected to wear clothing suitable for the type of work you perform, and to be neat and clean as your working conditions permit. You may not wear clothing or a hair style that might create a hazard leading to being injured on duty.

Volunteer Coordinators shall ensure that the appropriate uniform is worn, predicated upon the event, function or detail that the member(s) of his/her command will be attending. Coordinators shall evaluate each member's uniforms and equipment for the need for repair or replacement.

- A. Members are expected to arrive at the assigned location dressed in full uniform as specified by the assigning coordinator, buttoned up, and ready for assignment by the designated assignment time.
  - An exception to this rule will be members responding from work who do not have time to change at the work facility. In this case, the member should arrive in time to change in the locker room before reporting to assignment.
- B. Members shall wear the proper uniform at all times when on duty, and as specified, when engaged in Department activities while off duty. This includes:
  1. Traveling by private or public vehicles between home and assignment locations.
  2. Operating apparatus in preparation for operations and events or driving Department vehicles to and from work assignments.
  3. Special details.
- C. Female volunteers are permitted to wear cosmetics. All cosmetics are to be worn in conservative amounts and color. Fingernails are to be kept neat and clean and, for safety reasons, shall be no longer than 1/8" beyond the end of the finger. If nail polish is worn, it shall be pale in color. No bright colors will be allowed.
- D. Jewelry or personal ornaments shall not be affixed to any part of the uniform or equipment. Members shall not wear any unauthorized ornamentation such as earrings, flag pins or necklaces. Religious and Medical Alert emblems may be worn, providing they do not show outside of the uniform.
- E. Sunglasses and wrist watches may be worn while on duty but shall be of a color that blends in with the Department uniform (example: black, brown, silver, gold, etc.). Fluorescent or bright colors shall not be worn while on duty. Sunglasses shall not be of a type that restricts member's peripheral vision.
- F. Wearing any part of the uniform off duty, and not in connection with Department activities, is prohibited. Penitently may include suspension or relief of duty, after review by the Unit Volunteer Commander.
- G. The following dress code is considered appropriate when visiting Department Headquarters:
  1. When on duty, Class-B Field Uniform. If off duty, appropriate attire for a place of business. Shorts, jogging suits, T-shirts or tank tops are not acceptable.

# SUPPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER UNIFORM SPECIFICATIONS

## VOLUNTEER MEMBER (NON-OFFICERS) Class-A Dress Uniform

### General

Each volunteer member shall maintain a dress uniform in good condition to be worn exclusively as a dress uniform at specified events.

**Volunteer Member Class-A Dress Uniform:** The member uniform shall consist of:



1. Dress trousers, dark navy blue
2. Dress uniform shirt, light blue, long sleeve with epaulets (including any service stripes), with a Department patch sewn on the upper left sleeve and a Support Service Volunteer patch sewn on the upper right sleeve.
3. Dress shoes, black, military style, plain toe, laced shoes. polished
4. Black socks
5. Black polished uniform belt with LAFD silver buckle
6. Silver color nameplate 1" above pocket on right side
7. Black tie with silver color tie clasp

Note: When members are standing in a natural and upright position, the tie should reach within 1" of the belt buckle.

**Wearing of Class-A Dress Uniform:** The Class-A Dress Uniform will be worn for the following events:

1. At official appearances before the Fire Chief, Board of Fire Commissioners, or City Council.
2. When appearing before a Volunteer Board of Rights.
3. Department funerals of a member of the Fire Department or City Government. At funerals for family members, the Volunteer should dress in business attire.
4. Department and Unit Graduations and events at Headquarters. (Excluding OCD Visits) or when approved by a Volunteer Coordinator.
5. Events that have been declared by the Department to require dress uniforms.
6. Events that have been declared by Unit Commanding Officers to require dress uniforms.
7. At any other time as directed or when appropriate, such as attending meetings or events that require a dress uniform.

Note: The polyester dress uniform shall NOT be worn on any emergency response unless covered by appropriate safety clothing.

## VOLUNTEER MEMBER Class-B Field Uniform

**Volunteer Member Class-B Field Uniform:** Shall consist of the following:

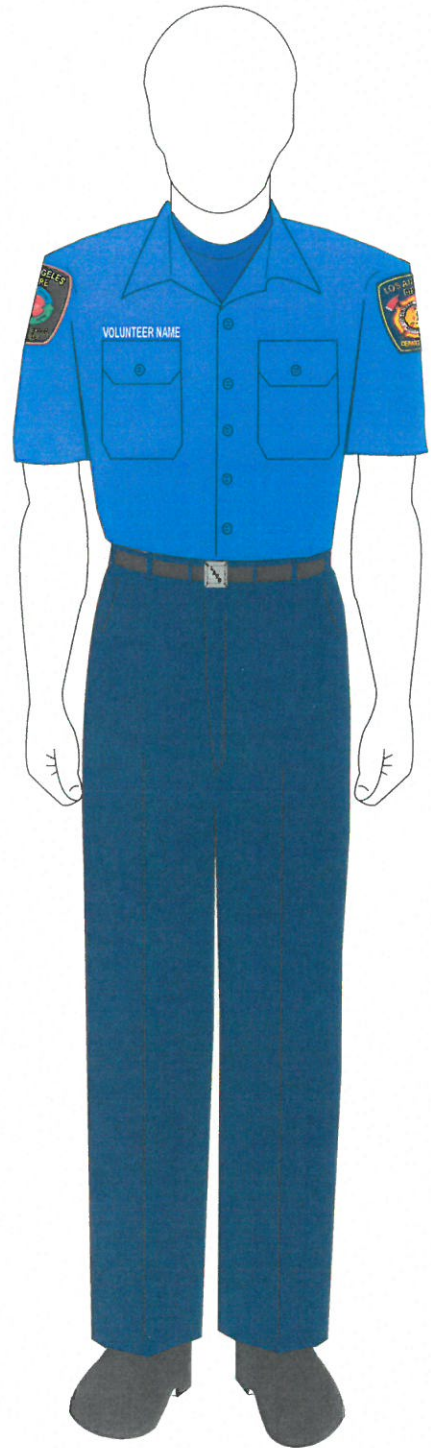
1. Short sleeve, light blue "Dickie" work shirt with a Department patch sewn on the upper left sleeve and a Support Service Volunteer patch sewn on the upper right sleeve. The volunteer's last name will be embroidered in white above the right front breast pocket.
2. Black uniform belt with silver LAFD buckle
3. Pants, work or Nomex uniform, navy blue
4. Heavy socks
5. Black work boots, polished

**Wearing of Class-B Field Uniform:** The Class-B Field Uniform will be worn for the following events:

The field shirt, or approved work jacket, shall be worn for scheduled demonstrations and visitations, scheduled visits by dignitaries, or acting as an official Department representative at public functions such as attending scheduled meetings with community, business and governmental organizations and community events and activities.

Additional instances when the field uniform should be worn are as follows:

1. Meetings with Department Staff, including volunteer staff meetings
2. Training classes, drills and public events
3. Station tours
4. Driving Department vehicles
5. Events that have been declared by Unit Commanding Officers to require Class-B Uniforms
6. Any time the Department firefighters and officers are wearing work shirts
7. Emergency situations that do not require personal protective equipment, such as base camp, incident command posts, staging areas, and rehab areas. For many of these situations, protective equipment may be needed to assist in identification of members. A Volunteer Coordinator or incident staff may determine when personal protective equipment is required.



## VOLUNTEER MEMBER CLASS-B FIELD UNIFORM

### The Support Service Volunteer Class-B Field Uniform for Fire Situations:

Consists of:



### Fire-Situations - Command Post/Base:

1. Short sleeve, light blue "Dickie" work shirt with a Department patch sewn on the upper left sleeve and a Support Service Volunteer patch sewn on the upper right sleeve. The volunteer's last name will be embroidered in white above the right front breast pocket.
2. Short sleeve T-shirt, dark navy blue, round neck, with the words LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER in white lettering silk screened on the front and rear of the shirt.  
  
The T-shirt is to be worn under the field uniform shirt. Do not wear the long sleeve T-shirt with this uniform.
3. Black uniform belt with LAFD silver buckle
4. Pants, Nomex uniform, dark navy blue
5. Heavy socks
6. Black work boots, steel toe, polished
7. Either a blue LAFD ball cap or helmet shall be worn if deemed appropriate by the member's Commanding Officer.
8. Brush jacket or traffic safety vest should be worn when delivering food or rehab support to members in the field. This item may not be required at the incident base or command post and shall be determined by the Commanding Officer.

## VOLUNTEER MEMBER Class-C Work Uniform

**Volunteer Member Class-C Work Uniform:** Will consist of the following components:

### Non-Fire Situations:

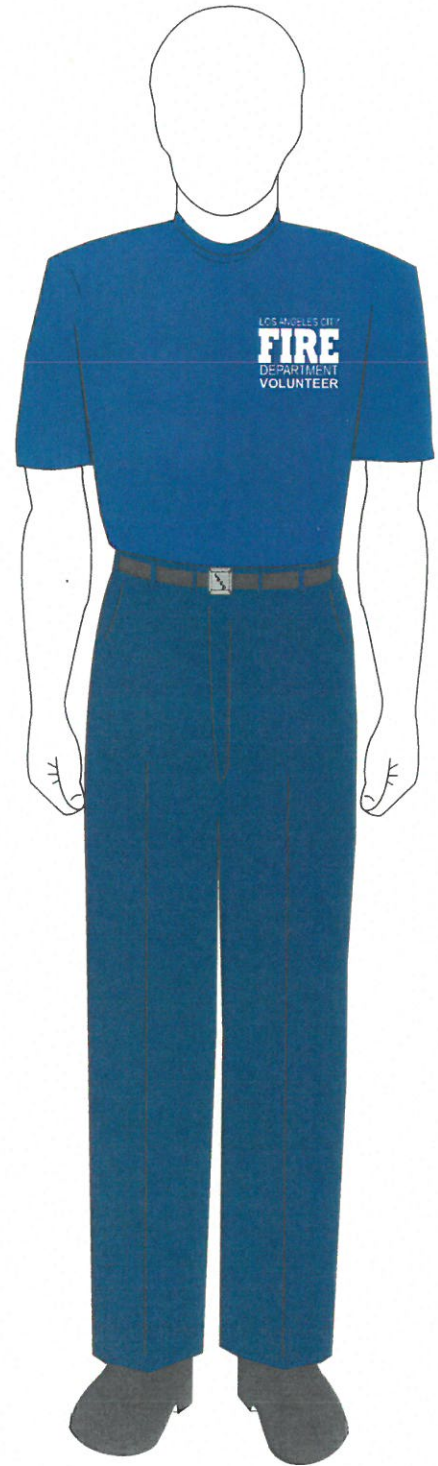
1. Short sleeve, dark navy blue T-shirt with LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER in white lettering silk screened on the front and rear of the shirt.
2. Black belt with silver LAFD buckle
3. Pants, work uniform, navy blue
4. Heavy socks
5. Polished work boots, black

The shirt used in this uniform is a standard LAFD T-shirt that has VOLUNTEER added under the header on each side. This is the ONLY shirt approved for this uniform. Standard LAFD work shirts are not allowed.

**Wearing of Class-C Work Uniform:** The Class-C Work Uniform will be worn for the following events:

1. Servicing vehicles and equipment. This includes washing apparatus and cleaning base equipment.
2. Setting up and tearing down equipment for drills and public events.
3. Events that have been declared by Unit Commanding Officers to require Class-C Uniforms.

All members shall have their Class-B Field Uniform ready to change into when wearing a Class-C Work Uniform.



## **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT NON-FIRE CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) shall be used whenever members may be subjected to a hazard. Volunteer Commanders strive to keep volunteers out of hazard areas. In the early years of the Support Service Volunteer Unit, members were issued extra protective clothing; however, these items are no longer issued. Volunteers should not depend upon these items to keep them protected. The best protection is not to be placed in harm's way.

Members work pants, safety boots, brush jackets and helmets shall be available at all times when on duty. When a member is out of quarters, away from the apparatus, or when a member cannot physically maintain security of his/her safety equipment, unworn brush jackets, and helmets shall be secured inside the cab or compartment.

Volunteer Coordinators may choose not to carry PPE gear when attending meetings and other functions outside Supply and Maintenance if they are in vehicles that would not respond directly to an incident. In this situation, the member must have their PPE's at Supply and Maintenance.

Some apparatus are designed with storage space for PPE's; in others, such as plug buggies and vans, equipment may need to be secured in the bed or rear compartment. If the apparatus is unattended, the equipment should be moved inside the cab and secured.

The polyester dress uniform shall not be worn on emergency responses unless covered by appropriate safety clothing and shall not be worn for field delivery in wildland areas.

The protective clothing for Support Service Volunteers shall consist of:

- A. Head and Eye Protection
  1. Helmet with Chin Strap
  2. Brush Goggles
  3. Safety Goggles (if needed)
  4. Safety Glasses (if needed)
- B. Body Protection
  1. Field Uniform
  2. Brush Jacket
  3. 100% Cotton Long Sleeve Brush T-shirt
  4. Work Pants
  5. Traffic Safety Vest
- C. Hand Protection
  1. Work/Driving Gloves
  2. Latex Gloves (on apparatus)
- D. Foot Protection
  1. Safety Boots
- E. Equipment
  1. Utility Knife
  2. Flashlight
  3. Ladder Strap (3 foot)



## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT WILDLAND FIRE

**The Support Service Volunteer Class-C Wildland Fire Uniform:** Will consists of the following:

### **Wildland Fire Situations - Command Post/Incident Base:**

1. Long sleeve T-shirt, dark navy blue, round neck, with the words LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT silk screened on the front ONLY in white letters.
2. Black uniform belt with LAFD silver buckle
3. Pants, Nomex uniform, dark navy blue
4. Heavy socks
5. Black work boots, steel toe, polished
6. Either a blue LAFD ball cap or helmet shall be worn if deemed appropriate by the member's Commanding Officer.
7. Brush jacket or traffic safety vest should be worn when delivering food or rehab support to members in the field. This item may not be required at the incident base or command post.

**Wearing of Class-C Work Uniform on Wildland Fire:** The Class-C Work Uniform with a long sleeve brush T-shirt may be worn at the command post, incident base, staging area, or rehab area during a wildland fire. A brush jacket or traffic safety vest and helmet may be required by the Volunteer Coordinator depending upon the incident.



## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FIELD DELIVERY

**The Support Service Volunteer Personal Protective Equipment:** Consists of:



### Fire Situations - Field Delivery

1. Long sleeve T-shirt, dark navy blue, round neck, with the words LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT silk screened on front ONLY white letters.
2. Black uniform belt with LAFD silver buckle.
3. Pants, Nomex uniform, dark navy blue.
4. Heavy socks
5. Black work boots, steel toe, polished.
6. Brush jacket should be worn when delivering food, rehab or other support supplies to members in the field.
7. Traffic safety vests must be worn any time volunteers are working in traffic areas.
8. Helmet shall be worn when providing field services.
9. Helmet shroud may be used to protect the neck but not required on all incidents.

Also carried:

10. Work gloves
11. Brush goggles
12. Bottle of water

**Wearing Basic PPE's:** Personal protection equipment should be worn whenever entering an area that requires protective gear for safety. The PPE also identify you as a part of the Los Angeles Fire Department. Caution must be taken to ensure that volunteers do not enter areas that are still active and/or may be considered hazardous.

## **CLASS-A DRESS UNIFORM CHECKLIST**

- Belt, black, LAFD style
- Buckle, belt, LAFD, silver color
- Name plate, silver color, with last name
- Pants, dress, dark navy blue, polyester
- Shirt with epaulets, long sleeve, light blue
- Shoes, black, military style, plain toe, laced
- Socks, black
- Tie clasp, silver color
- Tie, black

## **CLASS-B FIELD UNIFORM CHECKLIST**

- Belt, black, LAFD style
- Buckle, belt. LAFD, silver color
- Boots, work/station, steel toe, black
- Pants, dark blue, station style
- Shirt, short sleeve, light blue
- Socks, athletic
- T-shirt, dark blue, with LAFD VOLUNTEER printed on front and back

## **PPE - PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST**

- Flashlight, 2-cell
- Glasses, safety
- Gloves, work
- Goggles, brush
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- Helmet, black, firefighter style
- Jacket, brush, yellow. LAFD
- Knife, utility
- Ladder strap, 3'
- Shield, helmet, volunteer rank
- Shroud, helmet, yellow
- T-shirt, long sleeve, LAFD front only
- Vest, traffic safety, yellow, reflective, LAFD