

Visible Display of Identification

830.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for all officers to be readily identifiable to the public by the visible display of the agency name and individual identifying information when performing enforcement duties, except in described limited specific circumstances (Government Code § 7288).

This policy also serves as a declaration that the Ventura County Probation Agency is committed to transparency, accountability, and public trust.

830.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include

Enforcement duties - Active and planned operations involving the arrest or detention of an individual, or deployment for crowd control purposes.

Visibly display identification - To wear externally on the uniform with "Probation" or "Probation Agency" and the officer's last name in the size and location specified in the agency's Dress Policy and Uniform Specification Sheet, so as to be reasonably visible to a member of the public with whom the officer interacts.

830.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Ventura County Probation Agency that all officers visibly display identification when performing enforcement duties except in circumstances set forth in this policy.

830.3 VISIBLE DISPLAY OF IDENTIFICATION

Whenever performing enforcement duties, every officer shall visibly display identification, as defined in this policy.

This requirement shall not apply under the following conditions:

- (a) When officers are engaged in active undercover operations or investigative activities
- (b) When officers are wearing personal protective equipment that prevents display
- (c) When exigent circumstances exist involving an imminent danger to persons or property, the escape of a perpetrator, or the destruction of evidence, including if the officer is responding to those circumstances while off-duty
- (d) When there is a specific, articulable, and particularized reason to believe that identification would pose a significant danger to the physical safety of the officer

830.4 POSTING OF POLICY

The Chief Probation Officer or the authorized designee shall make this policy publicly available on the Agency website.

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A written challenge regarding this policy shall be forwarded to the Chief Probation Officer or the authorized designee, who shall then have 90 days to address or correct any alleged deficiencies. Court proceedings may not be initiated by the challenging party until this 90-day period has been completed.

830.5 EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy was issued on December 31, 2025.