

## **The Quintessential BulletProof Vest for United State Deputies**

When officers go on duty, they need to wear a bulletproof vest to keep them safe from the potential dangers that lie ahead. There are many different options available when it comes to bulletproof vests and new officers need to take the time to learn about the options to be sure that they are able to choose the vest that provides the right protection for their needs.

### **The Size Matters**

When choosing a bulletproof vest, the size of the vest matters. You want to be sure that you choose a vest that fits snugly against your body and stops at your bellybutton. When you enter the [law enforcement community](#), vests are typically issued to you. The vest that you are issued may not be the right size for you, and it is important to take the time to request a new vest. If a vest is too large or too small, it will not provide the right protection you need to stay safe while on duty.

### **The Protection Level Matters**

Bulletproof vests are available in many different protection levels. Many officers choose to wear Level II bulletproof vests. These vests use panels that are typically 5 millimeters thick. The panels offer protection from 9 mm and .357 magnum handguns. They are lightweight so that officers can easily run after perpetrators when needed.

When a round hits the vest, the force is spread throughout the panel to stop the bullet from passing through the vest. This does not hurt the wearer except possibly knocking the wind out of him or her for a minute. Bruising often occurs in the area where the shot hits the vest, but it is minimal.

### **Individual Vests**

Many precincts allow officers to invest in their own vest, if they choose to. This is a great option because there are many vests that have been passed down for many years within a single precinct. While it would be nice to think that every officer took care of the vest the proper way while it was in his or her control, there is a good chance that many of the vests have not been properly cared for the entire time that they have been used. By buying your own vest, you will be able to rest assured that it has always been cared for well and that it has never been involved in a shooting. Once a vest has been shot, it will lose its structural integrity and may not be as protective as it once was.

Being able to protect yourself properly when you are on duty is important. There is no need to put your life at risk when there are so many [bulletproof vest retailer's](#) online offering information before you make a decision. Taking the time to find the right fit and protection level is important and takes just a few moments. You can use a tape measure to take measurements of your body to ensure that you order a vest that fits you properly. A sizing chart will ensure that you choose the right carrier to fit your body type perfectly.