

Sheriff's Department plans to change uniform colors

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Sheriff Garrett Scott has asked the Board of Supervisors to authorize the purchase of two uniform sets for each deputy and corrections officer in the department.

Instead of the black-on-black tactical uniforms currently in use, Sheriff Scott seeks to “jump start a new and professional image for our Sheriff’s Office.” The new uniforms will be the traditional sheriff department colors of silver/tan shirts with green trousers. “Nearly all Sheriff’s Offices statewide have switched uniform colors” to these traditional colors, Sheriff Scott said.

Sheriff Scott’s request is motivated less by fashion than by logistics. Fewer black uniforms have been produced because of the statewide color change, resulting in long back orders, especially in some sizes. Local officers have had to purchase uniforms that weren’t, well, uniform, with variations in name brand and style that don’t meet Sheriff’s Department policy and appearance standards, Scott said.

“Some newly hired deputies have had to use hand-me-down uniforms from our supply of used uniforms while they wait for their new ones,” Scott added.

“The new uniforms will bring forth a more professional and approachable uniform style,” Scott said. “Each deputy and corrections officer will be wearing identical uniforms.”

The uniform purchase request will not require additional funding, Scott said, as the purchase amount is within the Sheriff Department budget already approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Only two uniform sets will be purchased for each deputy or corrections officer at this time. Board Chairman Gerry Hemmingsen said that officers receive a clothing allowance, and will be able to purchase additional uniforms as needed.