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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Directors
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FROM: Executive Associate Director 

SUBJECT: Special Response Team Uniform Standards

Purpose:

This memorandum authorizes solid color uniforms as the official uniform for Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Special Response Teams (SRTs).

Background:

This memo supersedes previous guidance regarding the approved color for the HSI SRT uniform found in the memorandum titled, "Special Response Team Uniform Standards," signed by then Executive Associate Director Derek N. Benner on June 18, 2018, and the Special Response Team Handbook (OI HB 06-001), dated November 20, 2005.

This memorandum provides updated guidance for the HSI National SRT Program regarding the proper application of the approved HSI SRT uniform and authorized identifiers. The updates to the HSI SRT uniform, outlined herein, have been reviewed/approved by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Branding Office and shall not require additional approval(s) during future acquisitions. To date, the HSI SRT uniform authorized by this memorandum comply with current ICE directives and are commensurate with the continued professionalization of HSI's National SRT Program.

Discussion:

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In addition, SRT uniforms must include the following:

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The above-described patches which are not listed as optional shall be worn on all operations and in compliance with the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) signed in January 2021. See below:

10 U.S.C. § 723. Support of Federal authorities in response to civil disturbances: requirement for use of members of Armed Forces and Federal law enforcement personnel

(a) REQUIREMENT. —Whenever a member of the armed forces (including the National Guard) or Federal law enforcement personnel provide support to Federal authorities to respond to a civil disturbance, each individual employed in the capacity of providing such support shall visibly display—

- (1) the individual's name or other individual identifier that is unique to that individual; and*
- (2) the name of the armed force, Federal entity, or other organization by which such individual is employed.*

(b) EXCEPTION. —The requirement under subsection (a) shall not apply to individuals referred to in such subsection who—

- (1) do not wear a uniform or other distinguishing clothing or equipment in the regular performance of their official duties; or*
- (2) are engaged in undercover operations in the regular performance of their duties.*

The use of military tabs/"rockers" or any other type of patch not listed herein, is prohibited.

For further information regarding adherence to this policy, please contact SAU Unit Chief

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