

Red Tape Review Rule Report (Due: September 1, 2026)

Department Name:	Public Safety	Date:	8/1/2025	Total Rule Count:	10
IAC #:	661	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	3	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	331.657
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

The intended benefit of this rule is to detail the color and design of the standard uniform and accessories for Iowa sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes. The rule clearly defines the colors and design of the standard uniform for the sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in Iowa, ensuring consistency and conformity on the county level throughout the state.

What are the costs incurred by the public to comply with the rule?

Pursuant to 331.322(9), the county's board of supervisors is responsible for providing the sheriff and the sheriff's full-time deputies with necessary uniforms and accessories in accordance with 331.657 and 661-3.

What are the costs to the agency or any other agency to implement/enforce the rule?

There are no costs to the Department or any other agency to enforce these rules.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes. The public is able to distinguish sheriffs and sheriff's deputies from other law enforcement agencies and officers of the state. This rule also provides for consistency among uniforms at the county level.

Are there less restrictive alternatives to accomplish the benefit? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If YES, please list alternative(s) and provide analysis of less restrictive alternatives from other states, if applicable. If NO, please explain.

No. The Department has determined this to be the least costly and least restrictive method to achieve the intended purpose of the rule.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language? [list chapter/rule number(s) that fall under any of the above categories]

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Rules 3.4 to 3.10 have been relocated under rule 3.3. Unnecessary language was removed to lessen word and rule count.

RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):

3.4
3.5
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3.10

RULES PROPOSED FOR RE-PROMULGATION (list rule number[s] or include rule text if available):

CHAPTER 3
SHERIFF'S UNIFORMS

661—3.1(17A,331) General provisions. These rules are adopted to designate the color and design of the standard uniform and accessories for Iowa sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.

3.1(1) The specifications of the uniforms and accessories, such as fabric and style, are made available to the department of administrative services.

3.1(2) Persons wanting to enter bids on the sheriffs' uniforms and accessories should contact the department of administrative services.

661—3.2(17A,331) Uniform. The uniform generally consists of:

(a) Sage green trousers with a one-inch strip of material the same color as the shirts down the outside seam of each pant leg.

(b) Long sleeved or short sleeved shirts with two-breasted pockets pleated with three-pointed flags and shoulder ornaments made of the same material and color as the trousers.

(c) Four types of hats. The winter and summer hats are sage green with a swivel strap, three-inch brims. The winter hat has a gold metallic acorn cord. The summer hat has a metal eyelet for a badge. The winter fur hat is sage green with sage green fur trim. A baseball style cap can be sage green or match the shirt.

(d) Sage green ties that are three and one-half inches at the widest point.

(e) Black, round-toed shoes and boots.

(f) Two types of jackets. A sage green light duty jacket and a forest green/reversible to international orange or safety yellow raincoat.

(g) Accessories consisting of shoulder and blazer emblems, badges, name bar, tie accessories, and rank insignia.

****For rules being re-promulgated with changes, you may attach a document with suggested changes.***

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	7
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	452
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	30

ARE THERE ANY STATUTORY CHANGES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING CODIFYING ANY RULES?

No.