

# MINNESOTA ARES®



## EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

# SOP 6-E-001

## Attachment 4

# ARESMT Dress and Appearance

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**1. General**

Minnesota ARESMAT members are encouraged to meet the following appearance standard for all official events. All uniform apparel should be clean and present a neat and professional appearance. When wearing the uniform items, you are identifying yourself with the Minnesota ARESMAT Team, so wearing these items for general casual wear is not authorized. Casual attire may be worn for training events and meetings.

It has become increasingly important during the global war on terrorism to be clearly identifiable to the emergency responder and law enforcement teams as to who belongs on the scene and who does not. If you are not easily identified as one of the responders, you may be asked to leave the scene. If you are ever challenged, explain who you are and why you are there, and your role in the response effort. Also explain that you were requested to respond to provide communications support. If you are asked to leave, identify the person making the request and leave. Report the incident to the Minnesota SEC or designated ARESMAT EC to work out the problem at the appropriate time.

**2. Plan Overview**

**a. Shirt/Blouse**

- i. Option 1 (Dress Shirt):** A navy blue “Dickies 574” style long sleeve , or “Dickies 1574” style short sleeve work shirt with markings as listed in the following table;

Patch/Lettering Placement	Qty	Restriction(s)
ARESMAT nametag centered ¼ inch above right chest pocket.	1	No larger than 1 x 3.5 inches
Embroidered “ARESMAT” patch centered above left chest pocket.	1	No larger than 3.25 x 3.75 inches

**Table 2-1 ARESMAT Dress Shirt Guide**

- ii. Option 2 (Any Function):** A navy blue colored “Propper F5320” style Polo shirt with the appropriate ”embroidery as listed in the following table;

Patch/Lettering Placement	Qty	Restriction(s)
Embroidered “ARESMAT” emblem centered on upper left chest area.	1	No larger than 3.25 x 3.75 inches

**Table 2-2 ARESMAT Polo Shirt Guide**

**b. Pants/Slacks**

- i. **Option 1 (Any Function):** Khaki colored “Dickies RN 20697” cargo style work pants are preferred. Shorts or cutoffs are not authorized.
- ii. **Option 2 (Field Operations):** The pants shall be of solid color and preferably cargo style. Utility fabrics such as “cotton denim” or “rip-stop fabric” are recommended. Shorts or cutoffs are discouraged but authorized. This option can be worn with any of the shirts.

**c. Jacket/Coat**

Outer garments (jackets/sweaters/coats) should be dark blue in color.

Patch/Lettering Placement	Qty	Restriction(s)
Embroidered “ARESMAT” emblem centered above left chest area.	1	No larger than 3.25 x 3.75 inches
Embroidered “ARESMAT” lettering centered on jacket back, 4 inches below collar.	1	No larger than 3 inch lettering.

**Figure 2-3 ARESMAT Jacket Guide**

**d. Safety Clothing**

A lime green safety vest meeting the ANSI 207 safety standard (November 24, 2008) may be worn for added safety during field operations. This vest is mandatory when assigned to an incident scene or disaster area where high visibility is needed.

Patch/Lettering Placement	Qty	Restriction(s)
Embroidered “ARESMAT” emblem centered above left chest area.	1	No larger than 3.25 x 3.75 inches
Embroidered “ARESMAT” lettering centered on jacket back, 4 inches below collar.	1	No larger than 3 inch lettering.

**Figure 2-4 ARESMAT Safety Vest Guide**

**e. Nametag**

The ARESMAT nametag shall be worn with the dress shirt for. The nametag size shall be no larger than 1 inch by 3 ½ inches and be of the plastic engraved style. The type of attachment shall be either magnetic or safety pin. Nametag color shall be white foreground with red lettering.



**Figure 2-5 ARESMAT Nametag Example**

**3. Suggested Sources for Apparel Items**

- Embroidery: Custom embroidery can be set up by any reputable embroidery shop. A couple of local shops that do very fine work are;

Ink Wizards  
9958 Highway 10  
Elk River, MN 55330  
(763) 441-1022

R&D Sales  
510 Freeport Avenue NW  
Elk River, MN 55330  
(763) 441-4416

- Nametags: Custom plastic nametags can also be done by many fine engraving shops. A local engraver that can do these nametags is;

Custom Creations  
13229 Fremont Avenue  
Zimmerman, MN 55398  
(763) 856-4019

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