

NIJ is proud to announce the ongoing development of a Criminal Justice Duty Holster Standard to ensure that law enforcement officers have access to holsters that meet their specific operational requirements for performance and safety.

Why Did NIJ Undertake This Effort?

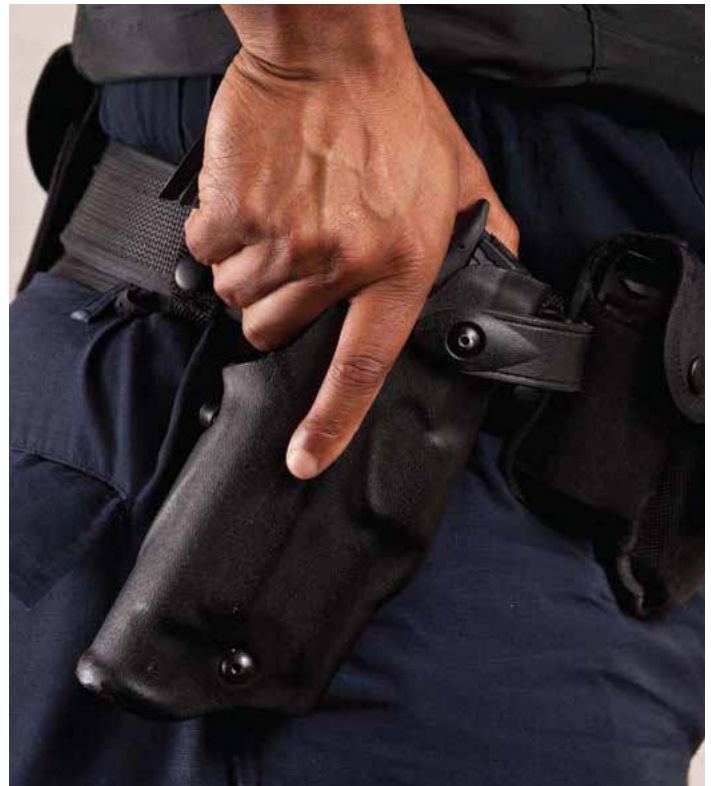
- There are no existing standards for holster weapon-retention capability.
- Weapon security is a major concern of the law enforcement and corrections communities.
- Manufacturers use different weapon retention mechanisms.



NIJ organized a Special Technical Committee that identified specific needs and requirements of law enforcement. The committee addressed shortfalls, determined conformity assessment requirements and generated a draft Duty Holster Standard to ensure duty holsters provide law enforcement personnel with the ability to securely carry, deploy and re-secure their duty weapon.

The New Standard Includes:

- Minimum requirements for form and fit, performance, testing, documentation and labeling of duty holsters designed with the ability to securely carry, deploy and re-secure a duty weapon.
- The standard applies to law enforcement duty holsters designed with manual and/or automatic retention devices. The intent is to provide protection from having the weapon taken away from an officer while it is secured in the duty holster.
- Both continuous and instantaneous forces will be addressed.



NIJ standards provide a voluntary, reliable and public means that manufacturers and criminal justice agencies and officials may use to assess a product's capabilities against the articulated performance needs of the practitioner, including, but not limited to, the law enforcement and corrections practitioner.

These documents will be made available on <http://www.nij.gov/topics/technology/standards-testing/Pages/welcome.aspx>.