

*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?

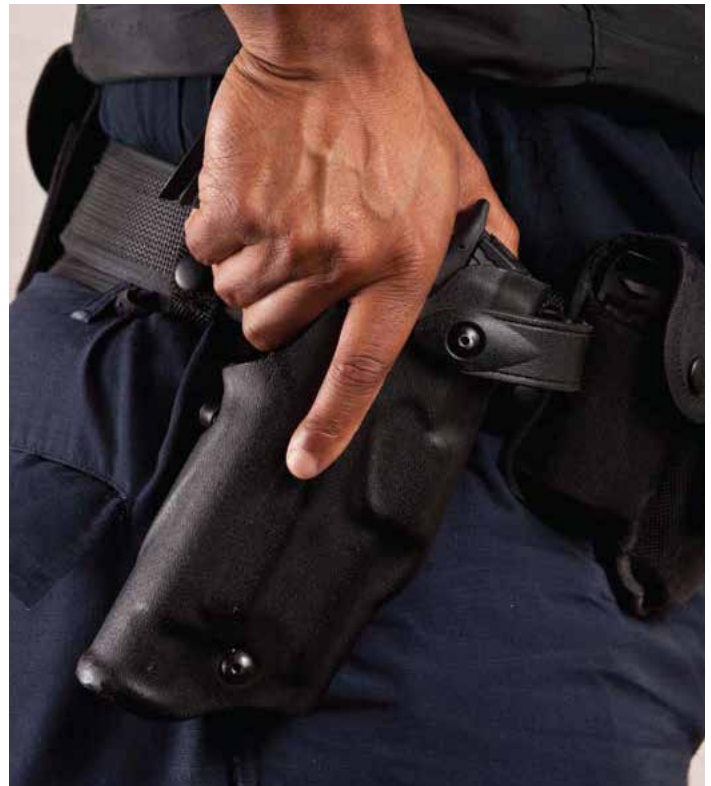
- There are no existing standards for holster weapon-retention capability.
- Weapon security is a major concern of the law enforcement and corrections communities.
- Manufacturers use different weapon retention mechanisms.



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>.