

## COUNTER-TERRORISM AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

### NOTICE

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March 11, 2020

**TO:** All Commanding Officers

**FROM:** Commanding Officer, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau

**SUBJECT:** DISTRIBUTION OF FIRE PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT KITS  
2020-2021

Due to environmental and other factors, the City of Los Angeles and surrounding region has historically experienced large-scale wildfires each year. The function and duty expectations of police officers during a fire event place them in an environment where the conditions can be hazardous due to smoke, blowing ash and embers, and other fire related causes. Personal protective equipment while working in such an environment will minimize the environmental dangers presented. Work gloves, plastic goggles, and a disposable respirator mask (Fire PPE Kit) will be issued to officers to keep in their duty bag so they will be available for immediate use when environmental hazards are encountered. At present, the Department has a sufficient quantity of Fire PPE Kits to equip all sworn personnel subject to being assigned to a fire incident and have a supply in reserve for replacement of Fire PPE Kits that become unserviceable.

The mode of distribution and issuance will be as follows:

Emergency Management Section (EMS), Emergency Services Division (ESD), will coordinate and facilitate the distribution of Fire PPE Kits to Bureau Training Coordinators within the Office of Operations and the Office of Special Operations. Bureau Training Coordinators will, in turn, facilitate the distribution of Fire PPE Kits to their respective Groups and/or Divisions. Group and Divisional Training Coordinators will assign Fire PPE Kits to sworn personnel and obtain a signed receipt. Original receipts will be maintained in the employee's divisional folder, and copies maintained by Training Coordinators.

Emergency Management Section will issue Fire PPE Kits to recruit officers when they are issued Avon C50 air purifying respirators/filters (gas masks). The issuance of Fire PPE Kits for recruit officers will be documented and filed in the same manner as other equipment issued to them.

To supplement the inventory of available Fire PPE Kits during a major incident to which they are deployed, EMS will maintain a supply of Fire PPE Kits and individual components for distribution as needed during a major fire incident to which they are assigned.

Replacement of a Fire PPE Kit or individual component will follow existing Department procedure for damaged, stolen, lost, or non-serviceable equipment, and be coordinated through the respective Training Coordinator and Commanding Officer.

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Exception: A respirator mask will be replaced as needed on a one-for-one exchange should it become unserviceable during a fire incident.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact the Commanding Officer, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau at (213) 486-8780.



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