

COUNTER-TERRORISM AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

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TO: All Concerned Commanding Officers

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

SUBJECT: REMINDER OF SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONNEL DONNING AIR PURIFYING RESPIRATORS

Incident Commanders, Safety Officers and senior officers at the scene of an incident that has a possible inhalation hazard wherein Department personnel don their Air Purifying Respirator (APR) for any reason shall ensure compliance with the Department's Respiratory-Protection Program.

The Department's Respiratory Protection Program exists in order to ensure personnel donning APRs are in compliance with the below-listed requirements and Incident Commanders, Safety Officers and senior officers are to only staff positions at incidents with appropriately qualified and trained personnel both for the safety of the employee and to ensure that no violations of Occupational Safety and Health Administration mandates occur.

NOTE: Consistent with the Incident Command System, the Safety Officer is responsible for ensuring that Department personnel are properly safeguarded from the hazards of the incident. This does not relieve the Incident Commander from overall accountability for incident safety. A senior officer may be of any rank consistent with the definition and expectations found within Department Manual Sections 1/532 entitled *Command Responsibility at Police Situations* and 3/125 entitled *Senior Officer-Determination*.

Specifically, personnel donning APRs must meet the following requirements:

- Personnel shall be in possession of their valid Occupational Health Screening Card
- Personnel shall have been fit-tested with their APR within 365 days prior to donning the APR
- Personnel shall have completed the 16-hour Law Enforcement Protective Measures and Law Enforcement Response Actions course, or the equivalent course
 - Personnel that have completed the 16-hour course shall have completed the 8-hour update course entitled THREAT 8, or an equivalent course, within 365 days prior to donning the APR

Emergency Operations Division's (EOD) current training focus is on Metropolitan Division and the geographic Area Gang Enforcement Details. However, Commanding Officers desiring to schedule additional personnel for the above training shall submit the nominations on an Intradepartmental Correspondence, Form 15.02.00, to the Commanding Officer, EOD.

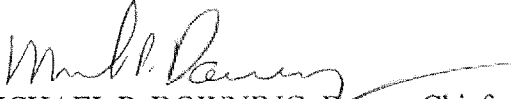
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If there are any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Sergeant I Michael Hammett, Officer in Charge, Emergency Preparedness Unit, EOD, at (213) 486-5730.

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