
RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAM

7050.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Respiratory Protection Program is to protect the health of employees from airborne hazards and to provide procedures necessary to control occupational diseases caused by exposure to air contaminated with harmful dusts, fogs, fumes, mists, gases, smokes, sprays, or vapors.

It is the objective of the Santa Ana Police Department to prevent employees from being exposed to contaminated air during hazardous conditions. Additionally, occupational exposure to harmful airborne contaminants should be controlled whenever possible through engineering and administrative controls. Where these methods are not feasible, respiratory protection will be provided at no cost to employees. When respirators are necessary, the elements of this program shall be followed.

7050.2 SCOPE

In the control of those occupational diseases caused by breathing air contaminated with harmful dusts, fogs, fumes, mists, gases, smokes, sprays, or vapors, the primary objective shall be to prevent atmospheric contamination. This shall be accomplished as far as feasible by accepted engineering control measures (i.e. enclosure or confinements of the operation, general and local ventilation and substitution of less toxic materials).

When effective engineering controls are not feasible, or while they are being instituted, appropriate respirators SHALL be used pursuant to CAL/OSHA 5144(a). Respirators shall be provided by the department when such equipment is necessary to protect the health of the employee. The department shall provide respirators which are applicable and suitable for the purpose intended. The Department shall be responsible for the establishment of a respiratory program containing all guidelines outlined in this training bulletin per CAL/OSHA 5144(2) (c). Employees will only be permitted to use respirators after they have received proper medical clearance, fit-testing, and training per the requirements detailed in this program.

This Program applies to department personnel who perform operations that require the use of respiratory protection to protect their health. This Program also details requirements pertaining to employee use of respiratory protection on a voluntary basis.

This program shall comply with the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 8, CAL/OSHA sections 5144 (Respiratory Protection), 5155 Table AC-1 (Occupational Contaminants and Permissible Exposure Limits), 5193 Bloodborne Pathogens (BBP), 5199 Aerosol Transmissible Diseases (ATD) and all applicable Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) regulations pertaining to the respiratory protection of first responders (which basically references 8CCR5144).

It shall be the responsibility of all designated employees to comply with the policies and procedures set forth in this procedure. It shall also be the responsibility of said employee's supervisor to

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ensure their subordinates comply with the related regulations and/or to ask for help from upper management (including Human Resources and Risk Management) whenever there are questions, concerns or short-comings in the work being conducted and the information documented in this program.

7050.3 ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Police Department's Training Sergeant shall be designated as the Respiratory Protection Program Training Coordinator and shall oversee the following:
 - A. Ensure that qualified employees (i.e., medically approved and by job assignment) receive initial and annual respiratory protection training, pursuant to 8CCR5144.
 - B. Ensure that qualified employees receive initial and annual fit-testing.
 - C. Maintain records of each fit test.
 - D. Maintain fit testing equipment.
 - E. Provide department-wide training on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
2. The Police Department Personnel Supervisor shall be designated as the Respiratory Protection Program Administrator and shall be responsible for the following:
 - A. Human Resources: The Police Department Human Resources Division will be responsible for the following:
 - I. Ensuring that all written policies relating to this program comply with Cal/OSHA regulations pertaining to respiratory protection
 - II. Overseeing the distribution of all medical questionnaire forms to affected personnel who will be issued respirators
 - III. Confidentially, forwarding all medical questionnaire forms to the City's contract medical provider for review. These medical questionnaires are protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and must be maintained sealed (i.e., in a sealed envelope) before being provided to City Personnel and until they are opened and reviewed by the physician or licensed health care professional (PLHCP)
 - IV. Upon review of the medical forms, the contract medical provider will notify the Human Resources Supervisor which employees are approved to participate in a respirator fit-test
 - V. If after review of the medical questionnaire forms the contract medical provider does not approve an employee to move forward to a fit-test, he/she will also notify the employee. Upon arrival by his/her supervisor, the employee will schedule an on-duty appointment, with the contract medical provider. In accordance with the HIPAA regulations, this information shall remain confidential between the Human Resources Supervisor, the employee and the contract medical provider. Medical information that does

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not directly relate to work (i.e., work related illness or injury) may not be shared with the employer by the PLHCP

- B. CDC: The Police Department's Central Distribution Center will be responsible for the following:
 - I. Store, distribute and maintain records on all Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 - II. Maintain records on issued equipment
- C. Supervisors and Managers: Supervisors and Managers are responsible for ensuring employees working under their direction comply with the requirements of this program, as they pertain to their respective operations. Supervisors shall work with the Respiratory Protection Administrators to meet this responsibility. Supervisors shall ensure that all employees receiving respirators complete the medical questionnaire and confidentially return it to the Human Resource Supervisor by the requested date and time.

7050.4 RESPONDER CLASSIFICATION

It is the policy of the Santa Ana Police Department that all responders shall be equipped with Personal Protective Equipment, including respirators. Prior to the issuance of PPE, all responders will receive training in its use. The personnel classified as responders shall maintain their assigned PPE with them while on duty and ready for immediate deployment.

- 1. First Responder Classification
 - A. Sworn personnel (including Reserve Officers)
- 2. Secondary Responder Classification
 - A. Crime Scene Investigators (CSI)
 - B. Animal Control Officers
 - C. Parking Control Officers
 - D. Evidence Technicians
 - E. Other personnel as determined by the Chief of Police or his designee

7050.5 RESPIRATORY PROTECTION EQUIPMENT

The Santa Ana Police Department shall only purchase and issue respirators that are certified by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). Department issued respirators will include two basic types:

7050.5.1 AIR-PURIFYING RESPIRATOR (APR) (FULL FACE MASK)

Removes gas (some gases but not at levels considered to be over the Permissible Exposure Level (PEL) and/or Immediate Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) exposure values), vapor, or particulate, or combinations of gas, vapor, and/or particulate from the air through the use of filters, cartridges, or canisters. This respirator does not supply oxygen and therefore cannot be used to enter an atmosphere that is oxygen deficient. This respirator cannot be used to enter unknown

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and/or IDLH atmospheres. The APR shall be the standard department issued respirator for field personnel.

1. Designated first responders will be issued the MILLENNIUM APR Respirator.
2. All SWAT operators will be issued the AVON C50 Respirator

7050.5.2 AIR-PURIFYING RESPIRATOR (APR) (HALF FACE MASK)

Removes gas, vapor, or particulate, or combinations of gas, vapor, and/or particulate from the air through the use of filters, cartridges, or canisters. This respirator does not supply oxygen and therefore cannot be used to enter an atmosphere that is oxygen deficient. This respirator cannot be used to enter unknown and/or IDLH atmospheres. The APR shall be the standard department issued respirator for field personnel.

1. Designated first responders will be issued the MILLENNIUM APR Respirator.
2. All SWAT operators will be issued the AVON C50 Respirator or the MILLENNIUM APR.

7050.5.3 POWERED AIR-PURIFYING RESPIRATOR (PAPR)

Uses a blower to force ambient air through air-purifying elements into the respirator face piece or hood. The PAPR shall be issued under the following circumstances:

1. A physician or other licensed health care professional (PLHCP) recommends the use of a PAPR for medical reasons, which may be temporary if subsequent medical re-evaluation clears the employee for use of an APR.
2. The employee cannot be successfully fit-tested for a tight-fitting face piece.
3. The nature of the work performed by the employee requires the use of a PAPR.

7050.5.4 N-95 MASK FILTERING FACE PIECE RESPIRATOR

An air purifying respirator certified by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to have filter efficiency level of 95% or greater against particulate aerosols free of oil and greater than 0.3 microns in size.

1. N-95 Respirators only filter out particulate contaminants such as dust, fumes, mists and microbial agents such as tuberculosis, bacteria and the flu virus.
2. N-95 respirators are disposable and are rated for a one-time use only.
3. N-95 respirators do not protect you from chemical vapors/gases, oxygen deficient atmosphere, high risk exposures such as those created by aerosol- generating procedures and asbestos handling.
4. The "N" series filters are not to be used with exposures that have or might have oils.

7050.6 MEDICAL EVALUATION AND QUALIFICATION FOR USE OF RESPIRATOR

1. Per CAL/OSHA Section 5144(e), the department shall provide a medical evaluation to determine the employee's ability to use a respirator, before the employee is fit tested or required to use the respirator in the workplace. The Department may discontinue an employee's medical clearance requirement when the employee is no longer required

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to use a respirator. The City will select a qualified medical professional to conduct the medical evaluations at no cost to the employee. The Human Resource Supervisor shall provide the medical professional with an updated copy of the Department's Respiratory Protection Program Training Bulletin and samples of the respirators to be worn by City employees.

2. Once the medical professional has reviewed each designated employees' medical questionnaire, he or she will determine if the employee is medically qualified to participate in a fit test.
3. The Human Resources Division will receive notice from the medical professional that the employee is medically cleared to perform a fit test with a respirator.

7050.7 FOLLOW UP MEDICAL EVALUATION PROCEDURES

1. The regulation on respirator protection, Title 8 CCR, Section 5144, does not require an annual review of the medical status of employees who wear respirators. However, additional medical evaluations are required at a minimum, when:
 - A. An employee reports to a supervisor or manager medical signs or symptoms that may inhibit their ability to use a respirator.
 - B. A physician or other licensed healthcare professional (PLHCP), a supervisor, a manager, the Program Administrator and/or Coordinator determines the need for a follow up medical evaluation. Only licensed health care professionals (PLHCP) or physicians shall be allowed to ask employees medical questions related to their ability to use a respirator.
 - C. Observations made during the annual fit testing indicate the employee requires a re-evaluation.
 - D. A change occurs in the workplace conditions (e.g. physical work effort, protective clothing, and temperature) that may result in a substantial increase in exertion placed on the employee's physiological system.
 - E. The employee has been selected as a member of the Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics Team, which will require an updated fit test allowing the employee to wear the AVON C50.
2. When circumstances described above require an employee to undergo a medical evaluation, or the doctor requests an evaluation after reviewing the medical questionnaire, the following procedures shall apply:
 - A. The employee's supervisor shall complete a Preventative Treatment Authorization Form (PTA), and send the employee to the designated medical provider who shall provide a written recommendation regarding the employee's ability to use a respirator. The designated medical provider will retain the questionnaire. The employee shall return the written recommendation provided by the medical provider to the Police Human Resources Supervisor for filing in their medical file. Additionally, the employee shall promptly notify their supervisor and the Respiratory Protection Program Administrator of their status. The PTA

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forms are available in the Watch Commander's Office, Jail Administration Office and Police Human Resources Division.

- B. The employee, at the City's expense, may elect to see his or her personal physician in lieu of the City's designated medical provider. In these instances, the employee shall take a copy of the Police Department's Respiratory Protection Program, medical questionnaire and the applicable Respirator Use Information form to the attending physician. The employee's physician shall be required to administer the medical questionnaire, and include a written recommendation regarding the employee's ability to use a respirator. The attending physician shall retain the questionnaire, and the employee shall return only the written recommendation to the Police Department's Human Resources Division for filing in their medical file. The employee shall promptly inform their supervisor and the Respiratory Protection Program Administrator of their status.
3. If after the medical evaluation, the designated medical provider determines that the employee is not medically qualified to move forward with a fit test, the employee will be placed on a Gas Mask Exemption list and not be required to wear respiratory equipment, until alternate respiratory equipment is obtained by the Training Division that may be more suitable for the officer.

7050.8 FIT TESTING

Qualified personnel designated by the Respiratory Protection Program Training Coordinator shall provide quantitative or qualitative fit testing session annually to all employees who have been issued a respirator. Fit testing shall also be required whenever a physician, licensed health care professional, supervisor, manager, or the department's observations of changes in an employee's physical condition that could affect a proper respirator fit. These may include facial scarring, dental changes, cosmetic surgery, or an obvious change in body weight. Fit testing will be required for each respirator type (i.e., APR full face, APR half face, PAPRs and N-95s) issued.

7050.8.1 QUALITATIVE FIT TEST

Relies on the user's voluntary or involuntary response to a challenge agent, such as taste, smell or irritation. If the test subject detects the challenge agent at any time during the fit-test, he/she is considered to have failed. Refitting the respirator and/or selection of another size, model or brand might be necessary in order to achieve an acceptable fit.

7050.8.2 QUANTITATIVE FIT TEST

Employs a machine to measure positive and negative air pressure leakage into the respirator without dependence on the test subject's voluntary or involuntary response.

1. Respirators with tight-fitting face pieces do not seal properly when facial hair comes between the sealing surface of the face piece and the face, or when it interferes with valve function. Therefore, any employee who has facial hair that comes between the sealing surfaces and the face shall be required to shave prior to the fit test. This would also require the employee to remain shaven during official use of the respirator to maintain a proper seal.

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2. If an employee wears corrective eyewear, such as prescription glasses, this will interfere with the seal of a full face mask. Therefore, they will need to meet with a City Contract Optometrist and get fitted for spectacle inserts. (See 7050.8.2.3B.). If the employee has contact lenses, this should not interfere with the proper seal of the full face mask.
3. If an employee is unable to successfully pass the fit test, he or she shall immediately notify his or her supervisor. It shall be the supervisor's responsibility to ensure the employee understands that he or she is prohibited from responding to incidents that require the use of respiratory equipment until further notice. The supervisor shall, as soon as practical, notify the department's Respiratory Protection Program Administrator who will arrange for the issuance of alternative equipment and re-testing, or will pursue other remedies that will enable the employee to successfully pass the fit test.
 - A. In instances where the employee's eyewear has prevented him/her from successfully passing the fit test, the employee shall obtain a material release from CDC for spectacle inserts.
 - B. Upon issuance of a material release, the employee shall obtain a spectacle kit for his/her assigned respirator from CDC. The employee shall then take his/her assigned respirator, spectacle kit, current eyewear prescription and material release to the City's contract Optometrist through US Healthworks.
 - C. An appointment with the Optometrist must be made ahead of time. The optometrist shall then install a spectacle case of the appropriate prescription into the employee's assigned respirator at the Department's expense.
4. The person conducting the annual fit test shall complete and sign the Annual Fit Test, Training and Inspection Form.

7050.9 ASSIGNMENT OF RESPIRATORY EQUIPMENT

The Police Department will issue respiratory equipment to all responders, assigned both on a permanent or temporary basis along with other designated personnel who may be called upon to respond to situations in which hazardous materials have been expelled into the atmosphere. Considerations in the selection of respirators shall include facial irregularities (i.e., such as scars, dentures, broken nose or deviated septum). Additional factors may include the nature of work being performed by the employee, which may place unusual stress on the employee's respiratory protection system.

7050.9.1 PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT

All respirators permanently assigned to employees shall be issued by the department's Central Distribution Center (CDC) and only to personnel who have been medically cleared and completed the necessary training and fit-testing required by Cal/OSHA. Upon issuance, CDC shall record the name of the employee and the size of his or her assigned respiratory equipment in the employee's inventory of department issued equipment.

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7050.9.2 TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT

In emergency situations or in preparation of a planned event where respiratory protection equipment may be required, CDC personnel may issue such equipment on a temporary basis.

However, regardless of the nature of the incident or planned event, the employee receiving the equipment shall have first satisfied all the medical training and fit-testing requirements for permanent assignment.

1. When a respirator is temporarily assigned to an employee, CDC personnel shall record the following information: The employee's name, the size, and model of the gas mask.
2. All employees who have been issued respiratory protection equipment and who are performing field duties in a uniformed capacity shall maintain their respiratory protection equipment in their city vehicle at all times while on duty. Employees who have been issued respiratory protection equipment, but are working non-uniformed assignments shall maintain their equipment in their police locker, workstation or assigned city vehicle. The equipment shall be kept in such condition as to allow for its immediate deployment in the event of a disaster or other emergency.

7050.10 INSPECTION AND REPAIR

Pre and Post use inspections of respiratory equipment shall be conducted in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and will minimally include the following:

- Tightness of connections
- Condition of all components, rubber and plastic
- Connecting tubes, hoses and batteries, if applicable
- Straps
- Lens
- Valves
- Canisters
- Filters

7050.10.1 ANNUAL INSPECTIONS

Qualified individuals designated by the Respiratory Protection Program Administrator shall conduct annual inspections of department issued respirator in conjunction with annual fit testing and update training. The person inspecting the equipment shall document the following information on the Annual Fit Test Inspection and Training form, which shall be forwarded to the Respiratory Protection Program Coordinator upon completion:

- Date of inspection
- The name and badge number of the person inspecting the equipment
- The name of the employee to whom the equipment is assigned
- Results of the inspection

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- Remedial action (if applicable)
- Make and model of the respirator

7050.10.2 MONTHLY INSPECTIONS

All employees who have been assigned an air purifying respirator (APR) or a powered air-purifying respirator (PAPR) shall inspect their equipment monthly in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations as described in section (a) above.

1. During each monthly inspection the employee shall be required to don his or her assigned respirator.
2. The employee conducting the monthly inspection of the respirator equipment shall record the date of the inspection and write their initials on the inspection tag attached to the respirators storage compartment.

7050.10.3 CERTIFICATION INSPECTIONS

CDC personnel shall conduct a certification inspection of all newly acquired respirator inspection shall be conducted and documented in the same manner as the monthly inspections; however, a user seal check will not be required.

- CDC personnel shall also conduct monthly inspections of all respirator equipment maintained in storage.

7050.10.4 USER SEAL CHECK

1. Employees who use a tight-fitting respirator will perform a user seal check during monthly and annual inspections to ensure an adequate seal is achieved. Positive and negative pressure checks or the respirator manufacturer's recommended user seal check method shall be used.
2. Positive pressure check. Close off the exhalation valve and exhale gently into the face piece. The face fit is satisfactory if a slight positive pressure can be built up inside the face piece without any evidence of outward leakage of air at the seal. For some respirators, this method of leak testing requires the wearer to first remove the exhalation valve cover before closing off the exhalation valve and then carefully replacing it after the test.
3. Negative pressure check. Close off the inlet opening of the mask by covering with the palm of the hand(s) or by replacing the filter seal(s), inhale gently so that the face piece collapses slightly and hold the breath for ten seconds. If the inlet opening cannot be effectively covered with the palm of the hand, the employee can perform this test by covering the inlet opening of the mask with a thin latex glove. If the face piece remains in its slightly collapsed condition and no inward leakage of air is detected, the tightness of the respirator is considered satisfactory.

7050.10.5 REPAIRS

1. Any time an employee determines that a respirator, or any of its components accessories are defective, the employee shall promptly return the equipment to CDC personnel, who shall arrange for its' repair.

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2. Only individuals trained to repair department respirators, and/or related components and accessories, shall be allowed to perform such operations.
3. Repairs shall be made according to the manufacturer's recommendations and specifications for the type and extent of repairs to be performed; only manufacturer specific parts may be used.
4. CDC personnel shall promptly issue the equivalent replacement respirator to any employee whose equipment is determined to be defective.
5. If qualified / trained individuals are not able to repair a defect in a specific respirator, they shall see to it that it gets sent back to the manufacturer for repair or replacement. Repair or replacement shall be at the discretion of the program Administrator.

7050.11 TRAINING

1. During the issuance and fit testing of respiratory protection, employees shall receive training, which meets the requirements set forth by Cal/OSHA for respiratory protection. The course will minimally include the following topics:
 - A. Prepare law enforcement for a WMD response.
 - B. Introduce law enforcement to the hazards of a chemical environment and the use of personal protective equipment.
 - C. Elevate skills to an "Operations Level" (pursuant to 8CCR (q) (6) (B) and the State of California Office of Emergency Services [OES]).
 - D. Develop a multi-disciplinary response.
 - E. Administer a fit test and medical evaluation.
 - F. The necessity of respiratory protection and how to properly fit utilize and maintain the device.
 - G. The limitations and capabilities of the respirator.
 - H. How to use the respirator effectively in emergency situations, including situations in which the respirator malfunctions and/or is inadequate for the conditions and entry is not allowed.
 - I. How to inspect, put on (don), remove (doff), and check the seals of the respirator.
 - J. The procedures for maintaining and storing the respiratory equipment.
 - K. How to recognize medical signs and symptoms that may limit or prevent the effective use of the respirator.
 - L. How to decontaminate, or safely dispose of a respirator that has been contaminated.
2. Each employee issued a respirator shall receive annual update and refresher training regarding the proper use and care of his/her assigned respiratory equipment. The update and refresher training will be administered by qualified individuals designated by the Police Department's Respiratory Protection Program Coordinator. Annual update and refresher training will be administered in conjunction with annual fit testing and inspections of department issued respiratory equipment. The person

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administering annual update and refresher training will document the training using the Annual Fit Test, Training and Inspection form. Additional training will be required under any of the following circumstances:

- A. Changes in the workplace or type of respirator rendering previous training obsolete
- B. Inadequacies in the employee's knowledge or use of the respirator indicate that the employee has not retained the required understanding or skill
- C. Any situation arises in which update training appears necessary to ensure safe respirator use

7050.12 DEPLOYMENT OF RESPIRATORY EQUIPMENT

It is paramount that employees understand the limitations of their assigned respiratory equipment. Furthermore the respiratory equipment does not eliminate hazardous contaminants present in the environment. Should an employee's respiratory equipment fail due to malfunction, operator error, or any other reason, the employee may be exposed to harmful or deadly contaminants. For these reasons, employees shall adhere to the following guidelines whenever it becomes necessary to deploy respiratory equipment:

- (a) Identification of Hazard(s)
 - (a) Except under an extreme emergency, a qualified Haz-Mat Technician or other qualified person will survey the work environment to classify the hazard(s) into the following definitions/classes:
 - I. Gas Vapors
 - II. Particulate / Dust Contaminants
 - III. Fume particles
 - IV. Mist Contaminants
 - V. Oxygen- Deficient Atmospheres
 - VI. Atmospheres immediately dangerous to life and death (IDLH)
 - VII. Combination of Classes
 - (b) Evaluation of Hazard(s)
 - I. Fire Department personnel will use Safety Data Sheets (SDS) information of initially identifying respiratory hazards. SDS are documents that convey hazardous information to emergency personnel informing them as to the presence of hazardous chemicals at the workplace. As necessary, air samples will be used to determine the actual concentration of exposure hazards that may be present
 - II. Cal/OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits (PELS), California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 5155, will be used to assist in determining the level of protection required for chemical contaminants

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- III. BBPs/ATDs – including the initial transport of subject who might be ill or states they have TB during transport for an okay to book (Minimum N-95)
- IV. Finger print dusting powder or other related crime scene activities. The minimum respiratory protection would be an N-95. A HEPA filter (P-100) filter is preferred especially in enclosed areas and/or where numerous technicians are working
- V. Non-toxic odors (i.e., decomposing body, garbage or the like)

7050.13 RECORD KEEPING

1. Annual Fit Testing, Training and Inspection records will be entered into the employee's in house training record and shall include the following information:
 - A. The name of the employee fit tested and trained
 - B. The date of the fit test, training and inspection
 - C. The type of fit-test administered (Quantitative or Qualitative)
 - D. The make, model style and size of the respirator used & inspected
 - E. The fit test results
2. The original copies of the employee's fit test records shall be maintained in the employee's individual medical file located in the Police Department's Human Resources Division.
3. Records related to medical examinations will be stored as follows:
 - A. The Respirator Medical Evaluation Questionnaire and the information contained therein shall be retained and kept confidential by the physician or other licensed health care professional (PLHCP) that evaluated the employee.
 - B. The evaluating physician shall provide the police department's Human Resources Division a certificate, which denotes only whether the employee is qualified to wear a respirator. This certificate shall be retained in the employee's medical file.
 - C. With regard to all medical testing, there shall remain a doctor-patient privilege.
 - I. If the evaluating physician or PLHCP discovers any ancillary medical issues, the employee shall be referred to their own primary care physician for follow up. The nature of the medical issue shall not be disclosed to the Police Department.
4. Monthly respiratory equipment inspections shall be documented on the respiratory equipment's inspection tag and will remain attached to the equipment's individual storage container. Inspection tags will be replaced on an annual basis during annual fit testing sessions.

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7050.14 CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

All respirators shall be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with CCR Title 8, Section 5144, OSHA Respirator Cleaning Procedures (Mandatory) or per the manufacturer's requirements, as follows:

- A. Permanently Assigned Respirators – Those respirators assigned to an employee for his or her exclusive use shall be cleaned and disinfected by the employee as often as necessary to maintain a sanitary condition.
- B. Temporary or Emergency Assigned Respirators – Those respirators assigned on an emergency temporary basis shall be cleaned and disinfected after each use and prior to each reassignment to another employee by CDC personnel.

7050.15 STORAGE

All respirators shall be stored in a clean, contaminant-free environment. The respirator/face piece shall be stored to ensure contaminants do not get into or onto the face piece of the respirator. Respiratory protection should be stored in a secure area that is cool, dry and not in direct sunlight, where it will not be damaged by the elements or other equipment and away from contaminants (i.e., chemicals).

7050.16 PROGRAM EVALUATION

1. The Department's Respiratory Protection Program Administrator and the Respiratory Protection Training Coordinator shall review the Respiratory Protection Program annually to ensure effectiveness, workability and compliance with all pertinent local, state and federal regulations.
2. The Department's Respiratory Protection Program Administrator shall ensure that the Respirator Use Information forms and all other appendixes attached to this Training bulletin are updated as necessary.
3. California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 5144, Respiratory Protection, is the governing directive and shall take precedence over the guidelines of this program whenever they differ.

7050.17 SUMMARY

The Respiratory Protection Program is designed to protect police personnel from respiratory hazards that may be encountered during the performance of their duties. In addition, the program is designed to protect personnel from aerosol transmissible diseases due to contact with, or transport of, persons who are suspected of carrying an active infection with a serious airborne respiratory disease (i.e. tuberculosis, seasonal flu etc.).