

Hamden Police Department General Orders

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Section: Special Operations

Rescinds:

Title: Personal Protective
Equipment.

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PURPOSE

To provide the members of the Hamden Police Department with guidelines in the wearing, maintenance, storage, testing and use of the personal protective equipment and respiratory protection mask and for protecting the health of officers in an immediate threat situation.

POLICY

All sworn personnel will be issued personal protective equipment and a respiratory protection mask. This equipment shall be immediately available at all times while on duty. Officers are required to properly care for the issued equipment.

Procedure

A. Equipment.

1. All sworn officers will be provided with Personal Protective Equipment consisting of the following:
 - a. Respiratory protection mask and filter.
 - b. Protective suit, gloves, boots.
 - c. Duffle bag.
2. Personnel who are, operating in, or exposed to areas that may be subject to respiratory hazards, with or without sufficient warning shall don respiratory protection.
3. Supervisory personnel will have the authority to require officers to don the respiratory protection and/or personal protective equipment for specific operations and emergencies, when the supervisors believe that the officers may be exposed to those hazards.

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4. All personnel will be prohibited from entering chemical or unknown atmospheres that are immediately dangerous to life and health with the respiratory protection mask only. The policy of the Department is that the respiratory protection mask and personal protective equipment is for the immediate protection from a hazardous emergency situation.
5. The Issued personal protective equipment and respiratory protection mask will be contained in the issued duffle bag and immediately available to the user at all times while on duty. The equipment must be kept in good condition and checked periodically for any rips or tears. Any damaged/used equipment must be reported immediately to the shift supervisor, who will notify the Training Division supervisor for replacement.
6. The Training Division Personal Protective Equipment Program shall consist of the following:
 - a. Annual fit testing to all members.
 - b. Medical questionnaire and evaluation by certified healthcare provider.
 - c. Training for all sworn officers in respiratory hazards to which they can potentially be exposed to and training the proper use of respirators and protective equipment in routine and emergency situations, including putting on (don) and removing (doff), limitation in the use and when the equipment is and is not required.
 - d. Procedures and schedules for cleaning, disinfecting storing, inspecting, repairing, discarding and otherwise maintaining the personal protective equipment.
 - e. Program administration and evaluation.