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Hearing Conservation Program
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This Bulletin is being re-issued because the contact information (see below) has changed.

California Occupational Safety and Health Standards, Title 8, Section 5097, Hearing Conservation Program, states that employers shall administer a continuing, effective Hearing Conservation Program whenever employee noise exposures equal or exceed an 8-hour, time weighted, average sound level (TWA) of 85 decibels.

Therefore, the Department has established the following policy:

1. Officers assigned to the Range, Dog Unit, Honda Unit, and Solo Unit shall have an annual hearing test.
2. A hearing test for all others shall be conducted when a request is made by the officer or a request by the administration.

An officer requesting a hearing test shall submit a memorandum to his or her commanding officer, who will forward it to the Staff Services Division/Medical Liaison Unit. All requests will be forwarded to SFGH/OHS after receiving the officer's memo at Staff Services.

To schedule an annual hearing test, officers assigned to the Range, Dog Unit, Honda Unit and Solo Unit shall contact Amina Cheffen at SFGH/Occupational Health Services at (415) 206-3769 within seven days of their service anniversary date.

All hearing tests will be conducted at SFGH, 1001 Potrero Ave., Building #9, 1st floor. Hearing tests shall be conducted during on-duty hours: No overtime is authorized.


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