



# DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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## Chemical Valved Odor Respirators

The Department utilizes **Chemical Valved N-95 Odor Respirators**, which are compliant with the California State OSHA requirements. These respirators should be available and accessible to all members when needed. Members may contact Cal/OSHA with questions about this respirator, (510) 622-2891.

The N-95 Respirators the Department utilizes are effective against small particles (viruses, bacteria, smoke particles etc.), but they do not filter out gases. The Chemical Valved Odor Respirators are classified as N-95 and utilize activated charcoal, which provides some protection against gases and the odors associated with them. They are not intended to be full protection against highly toxic agents and gases. These masks are intended to diminish the discomfort associated with noxious smells and possible irritation related to fire exposure.

The N-95 Respirators are designed for a one time use and no special training is necessary.

Each station/unit Commanding Officer shall have the Facility Coordinator pick-up their distribution (listed below) from the Hall of Justice Storeroom located in the basement.

### Distribution:

Co. A. – Central Police Station	10 pkgs.
Co. B. – Southern Police Station	10 pkgs.
Co. C. – Bayview Police Station	10 pkgs.
Co. D. – Mission Police Station	10 pkgs.
Co. E. – Northern Police Station	10 pkgs.
Co. F. – Park Police Station	10 pkgs.
Co. G. – Richmond Police Station	10 pkgs.
Co. H. – Ingleside Police Station	10 pkgs.
Co. I. – Taraval Police Station	10 pkgs.
Co. J. – Tenderloin Police Station	10 pkgs.
MTA – Traffic Enforcement	10 pkgs.
DOC	40 pkgs.

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*Any questions or clarification regarding this policy should be made to [sfpd.writtendirectives@sfgov.org](mailto:sfpd.writtendirectives@sfgov.org) who will provide guidance about the directive.*