

## SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ORDER

**DATE/TIME:** APRIL 20, 2020 1600 HOURS  
**NUMBER:** OR 20-13RR  
**SUBJECT:** **RESTATEMENT** - FACIAL COVERINGS FOR ON-DUTY PERSONNEL  
**COST CENTER:** 1914000001  
**SCOPE:** ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT  
**DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE AFFECTED:** NONE

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Recent updates to county, state, and national guidance on using face coverings necessitates a change for San Diego Police Department personnel. The Center for Disease Control (CDC), California Department of Public Health (CDPH), County of San Diego Health and Human Services, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police recommend using a face covering at all times while out in public.

Accordingly, I am requiring all Police Department personnel wear a **face covering at all times while on-duty, both indoors and outside. Face coverings must be worn by all sworn personnel in a marked patrol vehicle, including Motor Officers operating a Police Motorcycle, at all times whether alone or with a partner.** Face coverings do not need to be worn while in a closed room without other people present. Coverings to be worn for non-emergency response activities may be of a department issued cloth type or non-medical grade masks.

The wearing of face coverings while on-duty not only protects our employees by minimizing risks, but it also sets an example for the public who should be wearing face coverings for their own safety and ours. In addition to this on-duty requirement, I strongly encourage personnel to wear face covering masks during days off while in contact with the public in order to limit exposure or possible community-based spread of the Coronavirus.

It is important to practice strict hand washing before and after touching and adjusting face coverings and masks. Face coverings and masks are not a replacement for other evidence-based preventive measures such as physical distancing, frequent hand washing practices, and remaining at home when sick or not performing essential activities.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our community and each other.

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Please read at squad conferences and give a copy to all personnel.