



# DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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## Laser Eye Protection


This order seeks to establish a written policy for SFPD members wearing laser protective eyewear and to provide direction on the use of such eye protection.

With civil unrest throughout the nation, the deployment of laser devices has been a new tactic used to injure officers by impairing their vision. Accordingly, to maintain a high standard of officer safety, the Department will issue laser protective eyewear to officers. The laser eye protection kit includes a frame, a case, as well as a clear lens, a smoke lens, and a laser protective lens.

When assigned to crowd control events, officers will don the laser protective eyewear in situations where they deem it necessary to avoid injury to their eyes.

Issuance of laser protective eyewear will be conducted by the Property Control Division (PCD). PCD will coordinate with each Station's Facility Coordinator or designated unit member to distribute the laser eye protection for their station and/or unit. The Station or Unit Facilities Coordinators will provide PCD with an itemized list of the members they have issued laser eyewear protection equipment to. Each station or unit will maintain an equipment issued log that identifies the station or unit, and include the members first and last name, star number, and A number as receiving the eyewear and the date received. A copy of the issued log generated by each Station and/or Unit will be scanned and emailed to HSU ([HSUEquipment@sfgov.org](mailto:HSUEquipment@sfgov.org)) and PCD for recordkeeping.

For any requests for replacement of the protective eyewear due to damage or loss that requires a replacement pair to be issued, members shall write a memo addressed to the member's Commanding Officer requesting replacement of the laser eyewear protection. The memo should include a brief description of how the item was lost or damaged, thus requiring a replacement. The memo shall be forwarded to the CISU OIC Property Control Division. Upon receiving the approved memo, PCD will issue the member's replacement eyewear equipment. PCD will keep issued eyewear replacement logs, and copies of this log will be scanned and emailed to HSU ([HSUEquipment@sfgov.org](mailto:HSUEquipment@sfgov.org)) for compliance.

  
WILLIAM SCOTT  
Chief of Police

*Per DN 20-150, all sworn & non-sworn members shall electronically acknowledge this Department document in PowerDMS. Members whose duties are relevant to this document shall be held responsible for compliance. Any questions regarding this policy should be made to [sfpd.writtendirectives@sfgov.org](mailto:sfpd.writtendirectives@sfgov.org) who will provide additional information.*

*Safety with Respect*

## LASER EYE PROTECTION

Station / Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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