



DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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Hearing Conservation Program (Re-issue DB 19-150)

This notice 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 member or a request by the administration within 6 months of a member's first high noise exposure.

The member requesting a hearing test shall submit a memorandum to their commanding officer, who will forward it to the Staff Services Division/Medical Liaison Unit for documentation. To schedule an annual hearing test, officers assigned to the Range, Dog Unit, Honda Unit, and Solo Unit shall send an email to DPH-OHSccheduling@sfdph.org. Additionally, the SFGH Occupational Health Clinic number is (628) 206-6581.

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.

If desired by the member, the hearing test records may be forwarded to the SFPD Medical Liaison Unit for documentation. Request a copy from SFGH Occupational Health at the time of the test.


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 who will provide additional information.