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## **HELMET IDENTIFICATION**

This order establishes policies regarding markings of identification on helmets, including placement, color and size of numbers, and specifies inspection duties of command and supervisory officers.

## I. POLICY

- A. It is the policy of this Department that officers have distinctive marking on helmets worn for crowd control duty. Helmets shall display personal star numbers of officers as specified:
  - 1. Numbers shall be gold vinyl adhesive in the Helvetica style and 2 inches in height.
  - 2. The numbers shall be affixed on the left and right sides of the helmet, centered approximately 1/4" above the top of the face shield when in the down position and spaced 1/4" apart.
- B. INSPECTION. Commanding officers shall arrange for periodic inspection to insure that numbers are properly displayed on officers' helmets. Additionally, squad leaders shall inspect officers upon forming squads. Units shall maintain adequate supplies of these numbers.
- C. VIOLATIONS. When an officer is found to be in violation of this order, the squad leader or lieutenant shall make an investigation. If it is found that the violation occurred because of negligence or deliberate removal of the numbers, the investigating officer shall prepare a memorandum containing his/her findings, conclusions and recommendations for disciplinary action (see DGO 1.06, Duties of Superior Officers).

## <u>References</u>

DGO 8.03, Crowd Control Crowd Control Manual, SFPD