



DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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Green Pin Campaign to Support Mental Health Awareness Month – May 2024 (Update to DN 22-045)

Mental illnesses are common in the United States. Nearly one in five U.S. adults live with a mental illness (52.9 million in 2020). Mental illnesses include many different conditions that vary in degree of severity, ranging from mild to moderate to severe.¹ Each year the month of May is recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month. In support of those who experience mental health illness, and the role physical and emotional well-being plays in our mental health, SFPD members (both sworn and professional staff) are authorized each year to wear a **green pin** during the month of May.

Sworn and non-sworn members (including PSA's and Cadets) who wish to participate in the campaign are authorized to wear the 1-inch x 3/4-inch green pin on their regular uniform shirt directly above the name plate throughout the month of May. Professional staff are authorized to wear the pin on the upper right portion of their blouse/shirt/sweater. San Francisco Health Service System is providing the pins at no cost. Members should contact [REDACTED], Well-Being Champion at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] if interested in obtaining and wearing the awareness pin.

Members are encouraged to make use of the resources offered by our Behavioral Science Unit (BSU), including the Lighthouse Health and Wellness App, the San Francisco Health Service System (SFHSS), and National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

- San Francisco Police Department Behavioral Science Unit [REDACTED]
- San Francisco Health Service System (sfhss.org)
- www.nami.org/Home

I encourage all Department members to participate in the Green Pin Campaign.


WILLIAM SCOTT
Chief of Police



Per DN 23-152, all sworn & non-sworn members shall electronically acknowledge this Department document in PowerDMS within (30) thirty calendar days of issuance. Members whose duties are relevant to this document shall be held responsible for compliance. Any questions regarding this policy should be sent to sfpd.writtendirectives@sfgov.org, who will provide additional information.

¹ www.nimh.nih.gov/health/statistics/mental-illness