


<b>PBP FORM 290</b>  <b>PITTSBURGH BUREAU OF POLICE</b> <i>"...honor, integrity, courage, respect, and compassion."</i>		<b>SUBJECT:</b> <b>"USE OF RESPIRATORY PROTECTION DEVICES"</b>		<b>ORDER NUMBER:</b> <b>42-10</b>	
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**1.0 POLICY OR PURPOSE**

1.1 The purpose of this policy is to provide officers with guidelines regarding the utilization of respiratory protection during emergency situations in order to protect the health and safety of the officer.

**2.0 APPROVED DEVICES**

- 2.1 The [REDACTED] is the approved protection for the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police.
- 2.2 The [REDACTED] is the approved purifier for the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police and protects against a wide variety of chemical and biological agents.
- 2.3 The [REDACTED] are the approved carrying and storage devices for the [REDACTED]

**3.0 FIT TESTING OF AIR PURIFYING RESPIRATORS**

- 3.1 Fit testing shall only be conducted by members of SWAT, Fire, and EMA who have received the [REDACTED]
- 3.2 Each member of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police will undergo a fit testing prior to issuance of the [REDACTED] determine size and ensure that there is a proper face to facepiece seal.
- 3.3 Each member of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police is required to conduct his/her own fit-test annually to ensure that the face to facepiece seal is proper. Physical changes such as weight gain/loss, cosmetic surgery, facial scarring and dental work may affect the fit.

**4.0 CARE AND MAINTANENCE OF APPROVED DEVICES**

- 4.1 Each member of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police issued the [REDACTED] and accessories is responsible for its care and maintenance. This includes ensuring that it is clean and serviceable.
- 4.2 When not in use the [REDACTED] should be stored in the approved carrying device. The approved carrying device shall be clean and free of defects.

**5.0 INSPECTION OF RESPIRATORY DEVICES**

- 5.1 Each member of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police who is issued respiratory protection shall perform a monthly visual inspection to identify any parts that may be missing, distorted, blocked, loose, and deteriorated or otherwise interfere with proper performance. Additionally, each canister must be inspected to ensure it has not expired.
- 5.2 If any defects are observed, the mask should immediately be taken out of service and clearly labeled such. The officer should complete PBP Form #81 "Lost, Stolen or Damaged Uniform or Equipment Claim" and a replacement shall be issued through the Quartermaster.
- 5.3 Any expired or used canisters must also immediately be taken out of service. These shall also be returned to the Quartermaster for replacement.

**6.0 USE OF RESPIRATORY PROTECTION**

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Approved By:



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