



# SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## TRAINING BULLETIN

**TO: ALL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**

**FROM:** Edgardo Garcia  
Chief of Police

**SUBJECT: WEARING OF FACIAL COVERINGS**

**DATE:** October 28, 2020

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The Department's uniform standards represent, in various respects, the core values of the Department and the image of professionalism. The outbreak of COVID-19 requires that masks be worn as a preventative measure to protect officers and the public from the virus. Against the background of this health requirement, uniformity standards require regulation of the facial coverings as part of the appearance of our Department members.

Department members shall wear only authorized facial coverings in public, whether in uniform or in plain clothes, while representing the Department.

N95 and surgical masks are authorized for use. The N95 and surgical masks shall be a solid color with no symbols, logos, markings or written text, except the manufacturer's applied label.

Cloth masks and neck gaiters are authorized for use. The cloth masks and neck gaiters shall be solid black or navy blue in color. Cloth masks and neck gaiters may only depict Department-authorized symbols, logos, markings or written text.

All other facial coverings must be approved by the Chief of Police or their designee.

The Department is currently authorizing the following on facial coverings:

- The San Jose Police Department star.
- One of the four approved Department shoulder patches.
- The words "San Jose Police Department" or "SJPD."
- "#PROTECTSANJOSE."

*Authorized Shoulder Patches and SJPD Star*



All other symbols, logos, markings, or written text are not authorized. Any facial coverings using anything other than the approved colors, images, or words must be approved by the Chief of Police or their designee prior to use.

Officers working in an undercover capacity are exempt from the Facial Coverings Uniform Standard.

Department members shall abide by the current [County of Santa Clara Health Order \(link\)](#) and the Department's COVID-19 Response Detail guidelines regarding which masks to wear while in contact with the public.

These changes will be reflected in the Department's Uniform Manual.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Edgardo Garcia', with a stylized flourish and the initials 'EG' written below it.

Edgardo Garcia  
Chief of Police

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