

LOS ANGELES SCHOOL POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING BULLETIN

Screening Evaluation For Respirators

Respirator CCR, Title 8, Section 5144 Cal/OSHA requires agencies to conduct training for all personnel designated to wear a respirator at the time of initial assignment to respirator use and at least annually thereafter.

According to Section 6 of CA-P.O.S.T Standards & Guideline (see attached) prior to wearing a respirator, law enforcement personnel must be first medically evaluated. In general, Fed/OSHA 1910 and Cal/OHSA 5144 (referenced in the CA-P.O.S.T Guidelines) required employer to obtain a written statement from a physician or other licensed health care professional to ensure the employees are medically fit to wear respirator.

Prior to wearing a respirator, law enforcement personnel must first be medically evaluated. Law enforcement personnel should complete the mandatory medical questionnaire found in CCR, Title 8, Section 5144, Appendix C, and submit to a physical examination by qualified medical personnel. The POST Medical History Statement (POST 2-252) does not meet the requirements for the required medical questionnaire.

Medical evaluations for any law enforcement personnel are required:

- **6.1** Prior to wearing a respirator,
- **6.2** When an individual reports medical signs or symptoms that are related to the ability to use a respirator,
- **6.3** When a PLHCP, a supervisor, or the program administrator informs the agency that an individual needs to be re-evaluated,
- **6.4** When observations made during fit testing and program evaluation indicate a need for re-evaluation, or
- **6.5** When a change occurs in workplace conditions (e.g., physical work effort, protective clothing, and temperature) that may result in a substantial increase in the physiological burden placed on an individual