



**Las Cruces Police Department
GENERAL ORDERS
FIELD OPERATIONS VOLUME 2
GO-228 PROTECTIVE MASKS
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228 PROTECTIVE MASKS

POLICY

Commissioned personnel will be issued Respiratory Protective Equipment for their protection in hazardous or believed to be hazardous situations.

228.01 GENERAL

- A. Commissioned personnel will have a medical evaluation and the Air Purifying Respirator (APR) protective mask will be fit-tested prior to being issued.
- B. Only departmentally approved and issued APR / protective masks will be used by commissioned personnel. Commissioned personnel will have their APR / protective mask with them in their assigned take home vehicle at all times. Commissioned personnel will utilize their APR / protective masks whenever needed to protect themselves in the field or when ordered to do so by a supervisor.

228.02 LEVEL OF PROTECTION

APR / protective masks will protect only the respiratory system against a limited number of hazards. Personnel should keep in mind that many agents such as nerve protective, mustard protective, anthrax, smallpox and chlorine protective can enter a person's system through contact with the skin or through open wounds. Personnel should be aware of this when they are in a chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear environment (CBRNE). Only a full chemical / biological protective suit can guard against most chemical / biological agents.

228.03 GENERAL LIMITATIONS OF USE

Refer to the manufacturer's instruction manual for the proper use, inspection and care of the APR / protective mask.