



# DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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## Wearing of Uniform Patches

The SFPD patch represents the Department, its values, and its traditions. Occasionally, it is copied by external groups or individuals for unauthorized placement and sale on garments and accessories. Periodically, Department members and employee groups have created different versions for fundraising purposes. The Department has approved, through the Police Commission, two patches for wear during certain months – the **Pink Patch** to Support Breast Cancer Awareness in October and the **Pride Patch** in June.

To ensure the public can properly identify San Francisco police officers, it is necessary to maintain consistency and uniformity of the official patch.

Members are reminded that to receive approval to affix any shoulder patch other than the official patch to the uniform, a formal proposal must be submitted via memorandum to the Deputy Chief of the Administration Bureau to request consideration by the Uniform and Safety Committee. If consideration is granted, the applying member must then present the proposal to the Committee. If approved by the Committee, the proposal will then be submitted to the Chief of Police and Police Commission for final consideration and approval.

Shoulder patches that have not been submitted for review through the above process and have not received the necessary approvals, shall not be affixed to the Department uniform.

  
WILLIAM SCOTT  
Chief of Police

*Per DN 20-150, sworn & non-sworn members shall electronically acknowledge this Department document in PowerDMS. Members whose duties are relevant to this document shall be held responsible for compliance. Any questions regarding this policy should be made to [sfpd.writtendirectivessfgov.org](mailto:sfpd.writtendirectivessfgov.org) who will provide additional information.*