

BULLETIN

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TO: All Fire Personnel
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SUBJECT: Personal Escape System Distribution

The Occupational Health & Safety Committee (OHSC) is happy to announce the acquisition of new Personal Escape Systems (PES). The Health and Safety Office secured a substantial FY21 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) award to outfit each firefighter with a PES.

Distribution:

- PES will be delivered to each battalion headquarters this month.
- Battalion Chiefs will be responsible for the distribution of the PES to assigned personnel in their battalion.
 - PES will be distributed to individuals by the corresponding serial number on the provided spreadsheet.
 - The PES is individually assigned to each person and has been entered into PSTrax in their PPE inventory.
- The old PES shall be collected and returned to Logistics. The collected systems will be retained for battalion & company ground school training.

*****The PES is a required piece of PPE and shall always be carried in your turnouts, ready for deployment.**

Training:

- The new PES is slightly different than the current model.
 - The new model includes a lower profile TALON hook with a piercing tip and self-righting geometry.
 - This helps to ensure the hook sets immediately during a sill-anchored bailout.
- Additionally, the manufacturer removed the Gated Hitching Slot in favor of the Body Slot along the spine of the hook. This allows for an easier remote anchor deployment.
- The new system also has an improved CORE Descent Control Device, allowing for a smoother, hands-free exit.
- Frontline PES are not to be used in live training evolutions.
 - Training PES are available via the Training Division through your chain of command.
- Refer to the links provided on the VectorSolutions assignment for an overview and step-by-step instructions.

General Questions regarding this equipment can be sent to SDFDTrainingDivision@sandiego.gov.



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