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I am firmly in support of any and all properly trained, and with pre-verified 'due cause' documentation and warrants in hand law-enforcement officers to bear both standard uniforms and personal numbered badges, unobstructed and easily viewed, as part of their legal and constitutionally confirmed duties.

As a formerly badge bearing firefighter myself I believe it imperative to be unmasking in dealings with the public in all situations save rare instances when a proper 'window viewing mask' is necessary for instances when toxic smoke or chemicals are present from a preexisting accident-not as an incentive to utilize smoke canisters as part of a lawful raid.

The wearing of a badge is an honor as part of protecting the public which is opposite of "face masking" that has been associated with villain-ism and deceit.

My statement and viewpoint should be considered 'common sense' by any and all agency heads who manage law enforcement personell. Gratitude to all those who follow this 'common sense'