



Department of Police Accountability

DPA SPARKS Report 1st Quarter 23

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- **DPA Participated in the DGO 7.01 (Juvenile Policy & Procedure) Working Group.**
- **DPA Made 39 Policy Recommendations to 8 Existing DGO's.**
- **DPA Addressed a new SFPD practice of issuing Bureau Orders in lieu of General Orders.**
- **DPA also proposed recommendations (through DGO 2.07) to alleviate the backlog of Chief's Hearings.**

DGO 7.01 Working Group

DPA participated in the Community Working Group to update SFPD's policy on detaining, questioning, and arresting youth.

We appreciate collaborating with the District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Juvenile Probation Department, Bar Association of San Francisco, and CARC.

Department General Order	No. of DPA Recommendations	Date of Submission to SFPD or Police Commission
1.06 Duties of Superior Officers	2	2/21/23
2.07 Disciplinary Process for Sworn Officers	2	2/21/23
3.19 Early Intervention System	2	2/8/23
5.06 Citation Release	3	2/1/23, 3/6/23
5.08 Non-Uniformed Officers	16	3/8/23
5.16 Search Warrants	2	2/13/23
6.18 Warrant Arrests	1	2/7/23
6.20 Member Involved Domestic Violence	11	3/21/23

DGO 5.08 – Policy for Non-Uniformed Officers

DPA's 2023 Expanded Recommendations Include:

- 1.) All undercover and plainclothes operations include audio and video recording.
- 2.) Nearby officers should record the incident with a covert, concealed, or camouflaged camera. (e.g., button, pen, eye-glasses, or pole cameras.)
- 3) Supervisors must document the reason for deviating from requirements in an operations plan.

Bureau Orders that Undermine General Order Revision process.

DPA Recommended:

- 1.) That SFPD not use Bureau Orders or Department Notices to make policy changes.
- 2.) Publicly post Bureau Orders and Department Notices on SFPD website.
- 3.) Use DGO 3.01.04.H "Expedited Development Process" which allows the Chief and Commission President to place a DGO on a timeline of 30-days or less.

DGO 2.07: Backlog of Chief's Hearings

DPA Recommended:

- 1.) Chief's Hearings held within 180 days of appeal notice.
- 2.) Hearing Officers to issue a decision within 90 days.
- 3.) Only good cause continuances – generally limited to one per side.

Any Questions?

