

Working Group Recommendation and Department Response

#	DPA Recommendations for DGO 7.03 Information Dissemination Regarding Registered Sex Offenders	Date recommendation received	SFPD response	SFPD explanation	Open/Closed
R1	This draft is vague as to who decides whether to release sex offender registration information to an individual. Section B.2 (b) requires a member to request permission from a supervisor but does not designate the rank. The DPA recommends that absent exigent circumstances, a lieutenant or captain should decide whether information sex offender information should be publicly disseminated.	2/25/21	Recommendation has been included in draft DGO	Supervisor is the rank of Sergeant that has been changed. I believe a Sergeant can grant approval to disclose this information unless the scope turns into a Neighborhood/Community Notificaiton where approval needs to be granted from the OIC of the Investigations Bureau or his/her designee.	
R2	PC 290.45(a)(1) requires SFPD to assess an offender’s current risk of sexual or violent reoffense based on information known SFPD including, but not limited to, various to risk assessment tools before disseminating information. This draft of the DGO does not require, and gives no guidance, on how members are to assess risk. The DPA recommends modifying Section B.1. to track the language of the statute and require members to assess an offender’s current risk of violent or sexual reoffense before publicly disseminating information.	2/25/21	Recommendation has been included in draft DGO	Changes made to Section B.1.	
R3	<p>The DPA recommends including the following language after Section B.1 to provide guidance to members on assessing an offenders risk of sexual or violent reoffense: “The release of sex offender information shall be decided after an investigation and a (lieutenant/captain) reasonably determines that a notification is necessary to protect the public. The investigation should include examination of the current behavior of the offender as well as the severity of past crimes and the likelihood of the offender committing another crime. For example, disclosures could be considered in the following types of situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A convicted child molester is observed photographing children at a local park and asking them to accompany him back to his home; or, -A convicted rapist is reported as following female joggers. <p>Although past criminal convictions alone would not necessarily warrant a disclosure, special attention should be paid to repeat offenders and those categorized as Sexually Violent Predators (SVP), as defined in Section 6600 WIC.</p> <p>Note: A Sexually Violent Predator is a person who individually has been civilly committed to a State Psychological Facility and categorized as a SVP. Sexually Violent Predators will be noted on the California Sex and Arson Registry (CSAR).” (Source: LAPD General Order 413.07)</p>	2/25/21	Recommendation has been included in draft DGO	Additional information added to B.1. I used the language that a "Sergeant" instead of DPA recommendation of "Lieutenant/Captain" for granting disclosure. I used some different examples from Los Angeles Police Department General Order 413.07 besides the ones requested from DPA.	

