



Department of Police Accountability

DPA SPARKS Report 2nd Quarter '23

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- DPA proposed the posting of all active policies to the SFPD website for increased transparency and building of trust with the community.
- DPA made 20 policy recommendations to 3 existing DGO's.
- DPA proposed a recommendation (under DGO 6.10) to expand exigent circumstances warranting immediate search under SFPD's Missing Persons Policy.
- DPA also proposed recommendations (under DGO 10.11) to expand Body Worn Camera usage and grant DPA access to SFPD's body worn camera platform.



SFPD Website Transparency

DPA Recommends that SFPD Publicly Post All Policies on the SFPD Website, including:

- General Orders
- Unit Orders
- Bureau Orders
- Department Notices



Crisis Intervention – SFPD CIT Unit

Minimum Staffing Level for CIT Unit

DPA and the CIT Working Group recommend that DGO 5.21, SFPD's Policy on Crisis Intervention, be amended to require minimum staffing of 8 officers in the CIT Unit to ensure SFPD maintains its commitment to the use of de-escalation training and tactics and so CIT officers are able respond with clinicians to behavioral crisis calls, under the co-responder model.

SFPD General Order Revisions

During the first quarter of 2023, DPA researched and provided to SFPD recommendations on three existing DGO's and 20 policy recommendations to SFPD as delineated in the below table.

Department General Order	No. of DPA Recommendations	Date of Submission to SFPD or Police Commission
1.06 Duties of Superior Officers	2	5/17/23
6.10 Missing Persons	17	5/30/23
9.01 Traffic	2	4/13/23, 4/21/23



Working Groups

DPA Participated in Multiple Community Working Groups to Update:

- DGO 10.11 – Body Worn Camera Policy
- DGO 8.10 - Criminal Investigations of People Engaging in First Amendment Activities



Specific DPA Recommendations of Note

- 1. Missing Children.** DPA Recommended that SFPD's Missing Person's Policy, DGO 6.10, be amended to state that a missing child under the age of 18, constitutes exigent circumstances requiring an immediate search. Currently, a missing child to be exigent circumstances if the child is under 12 years.
- 2. Expanded Body Worn Camera Usage.** DPA recommended that all armed SFPD members, including the command staff, be required to wear and activate body worn cameras when doing police work in the community including responding to critical incidents.
- 3. Joint SFPD and DPA Body Worn Camera Viewing Platform.** DPA recommended that DPA be granted access to the same body worn camera viewing platform that SFPD uses to facilitate DPA's timely investigation of officer-involved shootings and public complaints of police misconduct.



Standing Policy Item

SFPD Working Group Improve the Accuracy of SFPD's Traffic Stop Data.

DPA recommends that SFPD and DPA form a working group with SFPD's IT Division, experts on traffic stop data, and academic partners to ensure SFPD's systems are up to date and that SFPD's traffic stop data is accurate and can be validated.



Any Questions?

