Department General Order 5.01 Amendment

What prompted the amendment?

01

Internal review of currently posted DGO 5.01 led to questions relating to compliance when using TDDs.

Tire Deflation Devices (TDDs) Outside of Pursuit

02

Questions relating to compliance led to operational decision to cease use of TDDs.
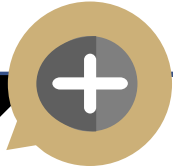
Cease Use of TDDs Outside of Pursuit

Expedited Amendment (3.01.04(H))

03

COP decided to amend. Approval by Pres Elias. DPA worked closely with SFPD. Commissioner Benedicto reviewed. 30-day dev timeline (July 14-August 25)
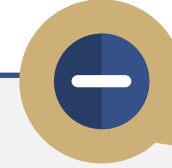
Re-establish use

04

Commission approval will allow SFPD to re-establish use of TDDs outside of pursuit

Positives w/ TDDs v. Negatives w/o TDDs

- De-escalation tool consistent with law and policy mandates
- Save lives by preventing and ending pursuits
- Enable apprehensions without pursuits
- Reduces vehicle performance to lower speed
- Provide officers with time and distance
- Officers already trained on deployment
- Technology Pillar of 21st Century Policing

- Requires escalation to pursuit before deployment
- High priority crime suspects are not pursuable within policy
- Mere attempts to stop can result in dangerous evasion even without pursuit
- Limits opportunities for arrest and raises danger level to public

TDD Data Over 15-Month Period

March, 2022 through May, 2023

46 pre-emptive deployments
82 suspects arrested
27 handguns seized
4 assault rifles seized
8 post-deployment collisions
1 minor injury to uninvolved driver
3 unintended vehicles damaged by TDD

Policy Changes

- Revisions begin on p. 16, Section 5.01.08, F

- Developed jointly by SFPD and DPA policy teams

- Authorized circumstances are clarified and narrowly tailored

- Remains a reportable use of force

- Adds procedure to report property damage

- Use during pursuits remains under DGO 5.05

Next Steps

-Meet and Confer

-DGO adoption & implementation after conclusion of meet and confer

-Re-establish use of TDD outside of pursuits

-Continue to be included in SFPD Quarterly Activity & Data Reports (vehicle interventions)

-Request through the Chief to initiate (3.01.04(A)(4)(a)) update of DGO 5.05 regarding TDDs & rescind outdated Bureau Order

Questions?