



The Police Commission

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

October 5, 2023

Chief William Scott
Chief of Police

Dear Chief Scott:

At the meeting of the Police Commission on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 23-94

APPROVAL TO ADOPT REVISED DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER 3.05, "DEPARTMENT WEAPON RETURN PANEL";

RESOLVED, that the Police Commission hereby approves revised Department General Order 3.05, "Department Weapon Return Panel".

AYES: Commissioners Walker, Yanez, Yee, Benedicto, Vice President Carter-Oberstone

EXCUSED: President Elias, Commissioner Byrne

Very truly yours,

Sergeant Stacy Youngblood
Secretary
San Francisco Police Commission

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cc: Captain D. Toomer/PDD
Manager A. Steeves/PDD
Gloria Rosalejos/WDU

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Department Weapon Return Panel

3.05.01 PURPOSE

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3.05.02 POLICY

- A. General Duties** - It is the policy of the San Francisco Police Department that the Department Weapon Return Panel review any request to reinstate an officer's privilege to carry a firearm. The panel shall review all documents, which may include court orders, doctor's certificates and recommendations, reports from the Officer in Charge of the Police Range and the officer's commanding officer, or any other pertinent documentation.
- B. Composition** - The Department Weapon Return Panel shall consist of the following members:
1. Deputy Chief of Administration (Chair)
 2. Commanding Officer, Staff Services Division
 3. Officer in charge, Legal Division
 4. Commander, Risk Management Office
 5. Commanding Officer of the requesting officer (non-voting advisory capacity)
 6. Police Physician, if requested by the Chair (non-voting advisory capacity)
- C. Meetings** - The Chair will schedule meetings of the panel whenever requests for reinstatement to carry a weapon are received. The panel will also meet prior to a calendared Superior Court 8103 W & I hearing involving any officer of the Department.
- D. Quorum/Consensus** - A quorum shall consist of the Chair and two voting members. Any recommendation must be supported by a majority of the voting members present.
- E. Recommendations/Authority of the Chief** - The panel will recommend to the Chief of Police whether or not to reinstate an officer's privilege to carry a firearm and may also recommend conditions for reinstatement; however, the decision to reinstate, set conditions, or revoke an officer's privilege to carry a firearm rests with the Chief of Police.
- F. Conditional Reinstatement** - Any officer who has their privilege to carry a firearm reinstated after it was revoked due to psychological reasons (e.g., stress disability, 5150 W & I detention, etc.), alcohol or drug use, or acting in a threatening manner, will be monitored by the officers' commanding officer for a period of six months. During this

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Commanding officers must ensure that all necessary documents are provided to the panel. The officer's request and supporting documents shall be handled confidentially and sent to the Deputy Chief of Administration in a sealed envelope.

B. Section 8103 W & I Petitions/Hearings

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