



Department of Police Accountability

DPA SPARKS Report 4th Quarter 2023

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National Survey and Best Practices Report on Vehicle Pursuits

DPA conducted a national survey and compiled best practices research regarding vehicle pursuits at the request of the Police Commission. DPA presented its findings at a public Police Commission meeting on January 10, 2024.

Best Practices Research for General Order on the Use of Social Media for Investigations

- Reviewed the 2013 United States Department of Justice Guidelines which are widely considered best practices for law enforcement.
- Compiled other police departments' social media policies nationwide.
- Solicited feedback from community.
- Interviewed surveillance, privacy, and civil liberty experts including the Brennan Center for Justice, ACLU, Electronic Frontier Foundation, and Berkeley Law.

Standing Item: Joint SFPD and DPA Body Worn Camera Viewing Platform.

In Q2 2023, DPA recommended that DPA be granted access to the same Body Worn Camera (BWC) viewing platform that SFPD uses to facilitate DPA's timely investigation of officer-involved shootings and public complaints of police misconduct.

Status: **Pending**

Standing Item:

Missing Youth–Updating General Order 6.10

1. 5/30/23: DPA provided seventeen (17) recommendations to SFPD to update DGO 6.10, the Missing Persons policy last updated in 1999.
2. DPA recommended that DGO 6.10 inform officers that a missing child under the age of 18 requires immediate action to be consistent with California law. (Pen. Code, §§14211-14215).
3. Currently, a missing child is only deemed exigent if the child is under 12 years old.
4. DPA recommends that SFPD prioritize updating DGO 6.10 to require to prompt action for missing youth under 18 to protect teens from the dangers of the streets, including access to dangerous drugs, as well as human trafficking.

Any Questions?

