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### **First Quarter 2024 Policy Work**

Highlights of the Department of Police Accountability's (DPA's) First Quarter 2024 Policy Recommendations are described below.

#### **I. DPA Policy Overview**

During the First Quarter of 2024, DPA focused its policy work through various SFPD Working Groups, including DGO 5.18 (Prisoner Handling and Transportation) and DGO 8.03 (Crowd Control). The DPA also responded to 11 public comments related to DGO 5.18 and 3 public comments related to DGO 2.07 (Discipline Process for Sworn Officers).

#### **II. Crowd Control Working Group**

In the first quarter of 2024, the DPA participated in the DGO 8.03, Crowd Control Working Group, which held five sessions during the quarter. As part of this work, the DPA organized an internal working group consisting of Senior Investigators and Investigators who had experience investigating complaints relating to DGO 8.03. The DPA staff included diverse backgrounds such as a former law enforcement officer, two former journalists, and a former federal investigator. This pilot program utilized DPA's in-house expertise to develop clear and effective recommendations, some of which were ultimately adopted into policy. The DPA plans to expand the use of internal working groups when opportunities arise for staff to share their expertise.

#### **III. Community Policing and Problem-Solving**

In accordance with DGO 1.08, the DPA participated in the SFPD Community Oriented Policing and Problem-Solving Implementation Committee. This group made up of SFPD Captains and community members is currently concentrating on graffiti abatement. The group heard presentations by SFPD's Graffiti Abatement unit, DPW, and 311 and focused on how to connect district residents with repeated graffiti issues to available city services.

#### **IV. Vicious and Dangerous Dogs DN**

DPA worked with SFPD to update a pending Department Notice on Reports Regarding Vicious and Dangerous Dogs. This work is informed by DPA's longstanding engagement with ACC, the City Administrator's Office, and SFPD.



**V. Update on the Pending General Order on the Use of Social Media for Investigations**

As a reminder, DPA performed extensive best practices research on law enforcement use of social media for investigations and solicited feedback on the SFPD draft from a wide range of stakeholders.

In the First Quarter of 2024, the DPA synthesized the stakeholder feedback into themes and engaged with Commissioner Yanez and SFPD staff to discuss areas of concern. The SFPD committed to making subject matter experts available from multiple units that use social media for investigations. The DPA is currently engaging with academic subject matter experts with expertise on global regulation of new technologies and youth use of social media resulting criminal justice encounters.

**VI. Standing Items**

**A. DPA Responded to SFPD's Report on Stalled DGOs.**

In the First Quarter of 2024, [DPA responded](#) to SFPD's report on the status of 14 stalled DGOs.

Sincerely,

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