



Second Quarter 2024 Policy Work

San Francisco Department of Police Accountability

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Department of Police Accountability

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Policy Overview

During the Second Quarter of 2024, the Department of Police Accountability's policy work included drafting recommendations to pending Department General Orders, drafting policy failure reports for DPA cases, and attending working groups.

Key Recommendations:

As part of the DPA's ongoing effort to support policy development, we drafted recommendations for 10 DGOs and 1 policy failure case. These recommendations focus on providing SFPD with best practices, current legal standards, and relevant DPA case examples. Key areas of emphasis this quarter included Missing Persons, Pursuit Driving, and Citation Tracking.

1. **Policy Review of draft DGO 6.10: Missing Persons**. The DPA proposed 28 recommendations to the pending draft DGO 6.10 with the aim of standardizing investigations for missing persons cases. These recommendations aimed to align SFPD's policy with State law, ensure SFPD utilized public alert systems (such as the AMBER and Silver Alert system), incorporate guidance from prior Department Notices, and reduce administrative burden for officers.
2. As part of DPA's Proposition E research and recommendations, we submitted 8 recommendations for **DGO 5.05: Emergency Response and Pursuit Driving**, to simplify the order, conform to Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVOC) training, and incorporate existing Department Notices. DPA's research included multiple meetings with EVOC staff and attending EVOC training.
3. As part of DPA's casework, we have identified several instances where existing policies failed to adequately guide officer conduct or has contributed to a poor outcome. During one investigation, **DPA** found was unable to validate a member's stop data using the secondary source method recommended by the USDOJ Collaborative Reform report.¹ the following issues:
 - a. **Missing Citation Records**: SFPD is unable to produce records for handwritten citations, which account for approximately 60% of all citations issued. No citations were available for the officer under review. DPA recommended SFPD implement a

¹ Policy Failure Summary available in the [DPA June 2024 Openness Report](#), at p. 11-12.

comprehensive citation tracking system that either utilizes the current e-citation system, integrates with the Traffic Court system, or archives written citations.

- b. **Inconsistent CAD Data:** DPA's attempt to use CAD to cross-check stop data revealed a lack of matching results. The failure to log traffic stops in CAD was not limited to this one case. DPA learned that traffic stops, specifically maintaining communication, are not considered a perishable skill and recommends SFPD reinforce low-risk vehicle stops during Advanced Officer training.

Department General Order Recommendations

General Order	Format
3.01 <i>Department Written Directives*</i>	Memorandum
3.02 <i>Terms and Definitions</i>	Grid
5.01 <i>Use of Force*</i>	Memorandum
5.03 <i>Investigative Detentions*</i>	Grid
5.04 <i>Arrests by Private Persons*</i>	Grid
5.05 <i>Response and Pursuit Driving*</i>	Grid
6.10 <i>Missing Persons</i>	Memorandum
6.12 <i>Arrest of Persons on Parole or Probation</i>	Grid
6.13 <i>Prejudice Based Incidents</i>	Grid
8.03 <i>Crowd Control</i>	Working Group/Grid
10.11 <i>Body Worn Camera*</i>	Working Group

* Proposition E impacted DGO.

Working Group:

DPA actively participated in the DGO 8.03 *Crowd Control* working group, collaborating with subject matter experts from the SFPD's tactical unit, legal experts from the Bar Association and Public Defender's Office, and community stakeholders. This DGO has been submitted to the Commission for calendaring, and the DPA will provide additional comment when the item is agendized.