



Department of Police Accountability

DPA SPARKS Report 3rd Quarter 2023

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Race-Related Stop Data Issues

- Officers entering multiple race categories (up to 7) for a single person, creating ambiguity about the race of the person stopped.
- Officers failing to enter large numbers of their traffic stops in the Stop Data system.
- Officers entering the wrong race of known persons they stopped.

Recommendations on Stop Data

1. Convene a working group with SFPD, DPA, academic partners, and data experts to determine the purpose and scope of a Stop Data review.
2. Allow DPA to work with the Controller's Office and/or an academic partner to conduct a review of SFPD's Stop Data.
3. SFPD's SIU should audit all Stop Data entries with general checks on data quality:
 - Compare Stop Data against other databases
 - Check for misstatements of facts for citations and arrests
 - Compare race data in SCDS entries to citations and incident reports

Annual Report on SFPD's Languishing Department General Orders

- *One year ago, DPA publicly reported on twenty-six (26) Department General Orders which had stalled for one year midway through the development process.*
- Today: Twelve (12) of the DGOs have been finally adopted by the Police Commission or are in meet and confer with the POA, but fourteen (14) are still pending.

DPA Policy Development Recommendation

1. SFPD not interpret DGO 3.01, SFPD's Policy on creating General Orders, to allow for lengthy delays between timed steps or stages. (See US DOJ COPs Finding 70 that the SFPD policy development process is overly protracted and Recommendation 70.1, directing SFPD to develop a more efficient process.)
2. SFPD seek an extension of time from the Police Commission when SFPD needs additional time to complete a particular stage of a DGO to allow for accountability and oversight.

Any Questions?

