San Francisco Department of Police Accountability

4th Quarter 2019 & 1st Quarter 2020

DPA Policy Work

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DPA’s Policy Role

- Mandated through SF City Charter
- DPA’s written recommendations in quarterly reports, Sparks’ Report & complaint investigation conclusions.
- DPA’s recommendations arise from
  - complaint investigations,
  - DPA’s participation in Working Groups
  - Policing issues brought to DPA’s attention by community, Commission, government officials, and SFPD.
4th Quarter 2019 & 1st Quarter 2020 DPA Policy Work Highlights

- Suggested Revisions to Domestic Violence Department General Order
- Recommendations on Police Interrogations of Youth
- Proposed Deaf and Hard of Hearing DGO (before the Commission 7/15/20)
Domestic Violence Recommendations

- Recommended revisions to SFPD’s Domestic Violence Department General Order
- Partnership with Domestic Violence Consortium, Department on Status of Women and Language Access Working Group
- Suggested revisions address topics such as lethality assessment, dominant aggressor, intimate partner stalking, and strangulation.
Police Interrogation of Youth

- Require Attorney Consultation & Notification of Adult Presence Before Interrogation or Miranda waiver.
- Require Right to Privacy When Youth Talk with Attorney
- Record Miranda Admonition and Interrogation
- Require Incident Report Documentation of Compliance
- Include Language Access Requirements When Interrogating Youth of Limited English Ability.
Department Bulletin 19-125
New Requirements When Members Interrogate or Question Youth 17-Years Old or Younger

- Department Bulletin 19-125 adopted by this Commission on 1/8/20
- Incorporated DPA’s recommendations requiring attorney consultation and responsible adult notification before interrogation or Miranda waiver
- Provides youth right to privacy when talking with attorney
- Requires incident report documentation
- SFPD training will address officers’ duties to record youth interrogation and provide language access
Questions or comments?