

INTERAGENCY OPERATIONS

5.14.01 PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is to establish policies regarding planned and ongoing interagency operations. It is not intended to restrict a member of the San Francisco Police Department (**SFPD**) from appropriately assisting a member of another law enforcement or government agency in a spontaneous situation. Instead, this order is established to ensure that command personnel are ~~aware~~ **properly notified** of interagency operations; and that members receive ~~prior~~ approval before participating in them.

I. 5.14.02 DEFINITIONS

- A. Interagency Operation(s):** - Any planned or ongoing operation or investigation involving ~~the San Francisco Police Department~~ **SFPD** and an outside agency.
- B. Outside Agency:** - Any local, state, or federal law enforcement or government agency, e.g., FBI, DEA, State Parole, ABC, ATF **that is not SFPD**.

5.14.03 POLICY

Interagency operations not governed by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall be approved by the Commander of the participating unit prior to **SFPD** participation.

Members are reminded that even during interagency operations with outside agencies, they are bound to **SFPD** policies and written directives.

~~H. POLICY~~ 5.14.04 PROCEDURES

- A. GENERAL.** ~~It is the policy of the San Francisco Police Department that all interagency operations involving members of the San Francisco Police Department shall receive prior approval of the member's deputy chief.~~
Planned/Ongoing Operation
 - 1. Prior to any interagency operation, an Interagency Operations Request Form (**SFPD** Form 631) shall be completed and then signed by the participating unit's OIC, Captain and Commander.
 - 2. The unit's Commander should notify their higher command when necessary.

- a. For SFPD-led interagency operations, information should be included in an Operations Order.
- b. For on-going operations and/or outside agency-led operations, an Operations Order may not be required.

B. Time Sensitive Operation

1. For non-exigent but time sensitive operations where written notification would cause undue delay during a rapidly evolving operation, members may request and receive verbal approval from their Commander.
2. When practical, the approving Commander should confirm their verbal approval via email to the Captain, the OIC, and the requesting member.
3. After the conclusion of the operation, an Interagency Operations Request Form shall be prepared by a member in the designated unit and the “verbal notification” box selected in the event of a verbal request.

~~B.~~ C. REQUESTS BY ~~from~~ AN OUTSIDE AGENCY:

1. When ~~the assistance of the San Francisco Police Department is requested by~~ an outside agency ~~for~~ requests assistance with any planned operation or investigation, the member receiving the request shall refer the agency to his/her deputy chief ~~their~~ Officer in Charge (OIC). ~~No member shall participate in an operation or investigation unless it has been approved by the appropriate deputy chief.~~
2. The OIC shall be responsible for completing the Interagency Operations Request Form and submitting it to their Captain and Commander for approval.
3. The unit’s Commander will then notify their Deputy Chief, if necessary.

~~C. REQUESTS BY THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT.~~ Any member of the San Francisco Police Department needing assistance from an outside agency for a planned operation or investigation shall first obtain the permission of his/her deputy chief prior to making the request.

~~D. BRIEFING/MEETING.~~ – At the discretion of the Deputy Chief, ~~i~~Interagency operations or investigations shall ~~may~~ be the subject of ~~to~~ a briefing ~~or meeting~~ between the Department and the outside agency to discuss law enforcement issues unique to San Francisco, e.g., operational objectives, roles of agencies, and community concerns. It shall be the responsibility of ~~T~~the Deputy Chief ~~may~~ assign a (or his/her designee) to conducting this meeting ~~or the~~ briefing to ensure that outside agents are aware~~ness~~ of applicable Department General Orders before the operations commences.

~~E. OPERATIONS.~~ During the operation, it shall be the responsibility of the senior ranking officer to make every effort to ensure that no violations of Department

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~~General Orders are committed by the outside agents. Should any violation occur, it shall be the responsibility of the senior ranking officer to inform the person committing the violation that such action violates San Francisco Police Department General Orders.~~

5.14.05 DENIAL

The Department will not participate in interagency operations that violate local or state laws, including San Francisco's Sanctuary Laws (Admin Codes §12H; §12I; Cal. Gov't Code §7284) or DGO 5.15, *Enforcement of Immigration Laws*.