

Dear Police Commission:

As an 8-year member of the CIT working group and resident of District 3, I write to commend Lt. Donald Anderson, Sgt Elizabeth Prillinger, and the entire CIT Unit for their brilliant annual report and work in the field responding to behavioral crises calls and training members. They are shining examples of what it means to be a 20th Century police officers. Over the past decade, they have turned the SFPD CIT unit into a national model. Importantly, they view community and stakeholders as collaborators, not enemies. They build bridges and have changed the culture at SFPD even when de-escalation was neither the law nor embraced by the rank and file as it is now.

I also write to express my concern that DGO 7.20 (handling behavioral health calls for juveniles) and DGO 5.21 (the primary CIT DGO) have not been updated in years. The CIT working group, most of whom are mental health experts, worked with Lt Anderson on updating DGO 7.20 in 2021 but it never was prioritized for completion by SFPD. A few years ago we advocated for DGO 5.21, the main CIT DGO, to be updated to no avail.

Currently, those two DGOs are inconsistent with how SFPD currently trains officers. Moreover, those DGOs are so old, they contradict the law and are out of step with best practices. It is respectfully recommended that SFPD act quickly and update these policies ASAP given the unique issues our city faces.

Under DGO 3.01, the Commission President can sua sponte initiate any DGOs to be updated as can the Chief of Police. Dr. David Elliot Lewis will address these issues in person.

I respectfully request the either Chief Lew or President Clay designate that these DGOs be considered "expedited DGOs" under DGO 3.02.04.H or that President Clay designate these DGOs as Commission-led DGOs pursuant to 3.01.04.C.3 to get these important DGOs prioritized and updated quickly. Bypassing bureaucratic delays is critical.

Mayor Lurie has prioritized improving the city's response to responding to behavioral health crisis calls and updating these two DGOs would be an important step in that direction. The officers deserve and need up-to-date crisis intervention policies they can rely on in the field.

I believe that the working group and Lt Anderson could get Chief Lew and Commission exemplary updated drafts of both DGOs within 30 days upon request. We've worked

together on policy for many years as we are tasked to do under DGO 5.21 and look forward to doing so again.

Please excuse any grammatical errors as I am typing on my iphone on vacation overseas.

Thank you,

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