NON-CITY ENTITY LIVE MONITORING
POLICE COMMISSION BRIEFING

CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Police Department

November 18, 2026

OBJECTIVES

1. Legal framework: Ordinance 205-22 and Admin Code 19B
2. Program safeguards and reporting schedule
3. Historical trends, 2023-2026
4. Key takeaways for the Commission

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Effective November 6, 2022, via Ordinance 205-22

- Authorizes temporary SFPD live monitoring of non-city entity cameras under certain circumstances
- Mandates census-tract-only reporting; no names or addresses released

AUTHORIZED USES

1. Exigent Circumstances

- Admin Code § 19B.7: emergency involving imminent danger of death or injury

2. Significant Events

- Public-safety concerns tied to crowd size or other issues creating imminent public safety hazards
    - Monitoring limited to placement of police personnel

3. Active Criminal Investigation

- A Captain (or higher) confirms in writing that credible information supports the request

BUILT-IN SAFEGUARDS

Confidentiality & Access Limits

- Live monitoring must cease within 24 hours of access being granted
- Members may not record or duplicate live monitoring footage
- Only census tracts are reported — never entity names or addresses

Civil Liberties Protections

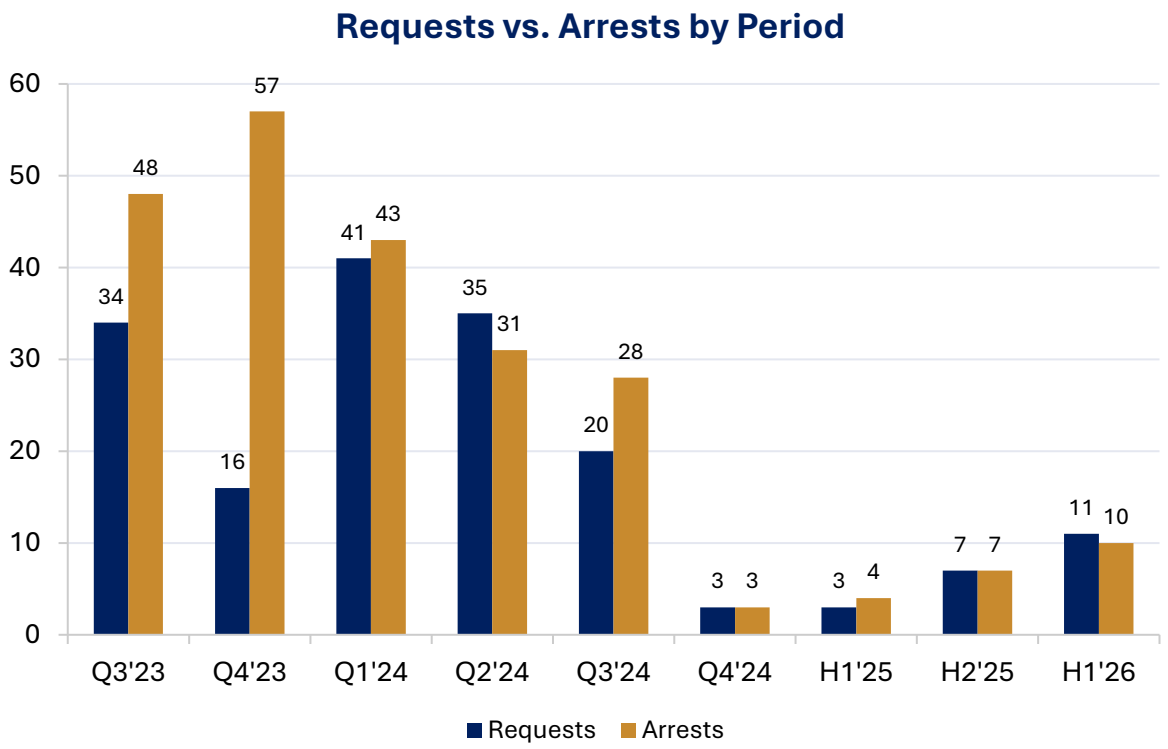
- Prohibited from monitoring based on race, gender, or religion
- No monitoring of First Amendment activity absent exigent need
- Footage may not be used in cooperation with federal immigration enforcement

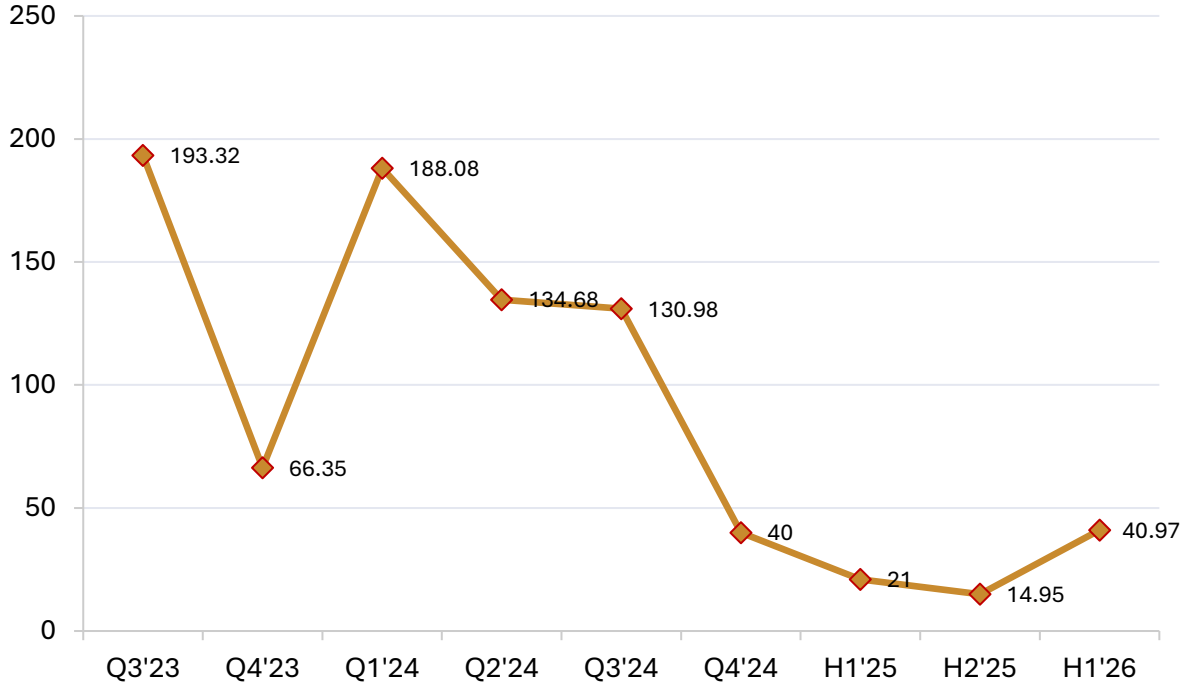
REPORTING SCHEDULE CHANGE

- Ordinance 205-22 required quarterly reports for the first two years
- SFPD submitted 6 quarterly reports to the Commission & BOS, Q3 2023 through Q4 2024
- Beginning January–June 2025, SFPD moved to biannual reporting
- Disclosed transparently in the Q1/Q2 2025 letter to the Police Commission

HISTORICAL TREND

Program activity by reporting period

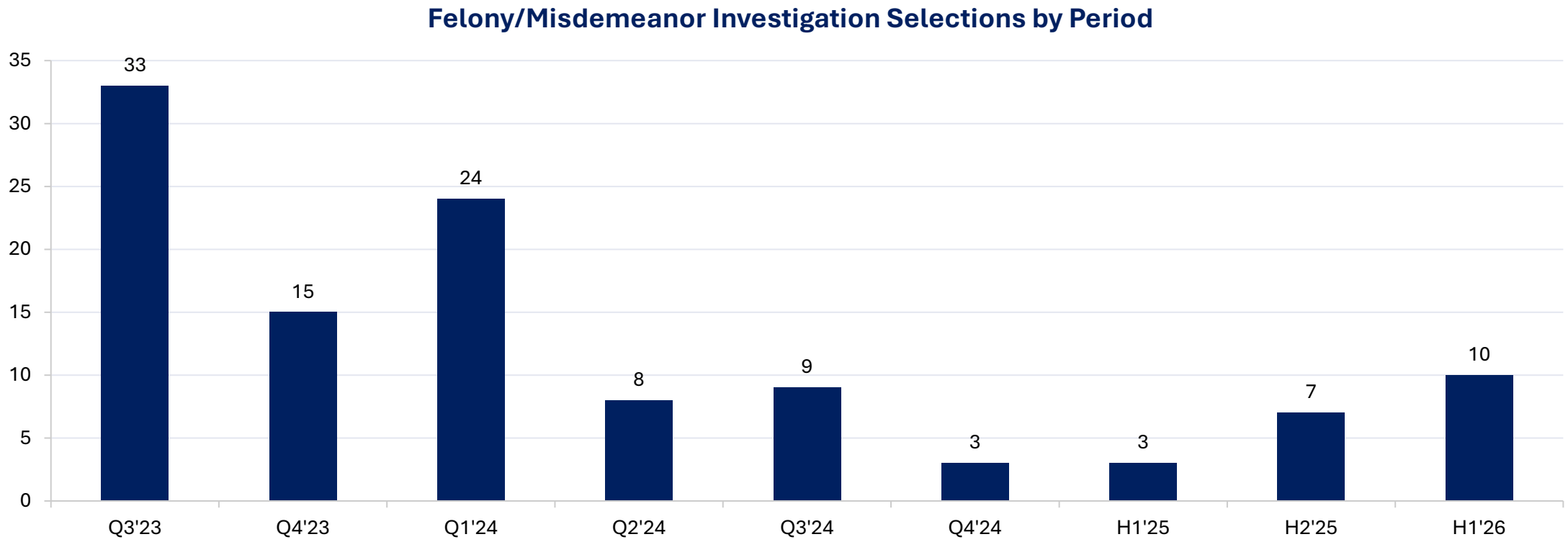




Every reported request from Q3 2023 through H1 2026 was approved.

BASIS FOR REQUESTS

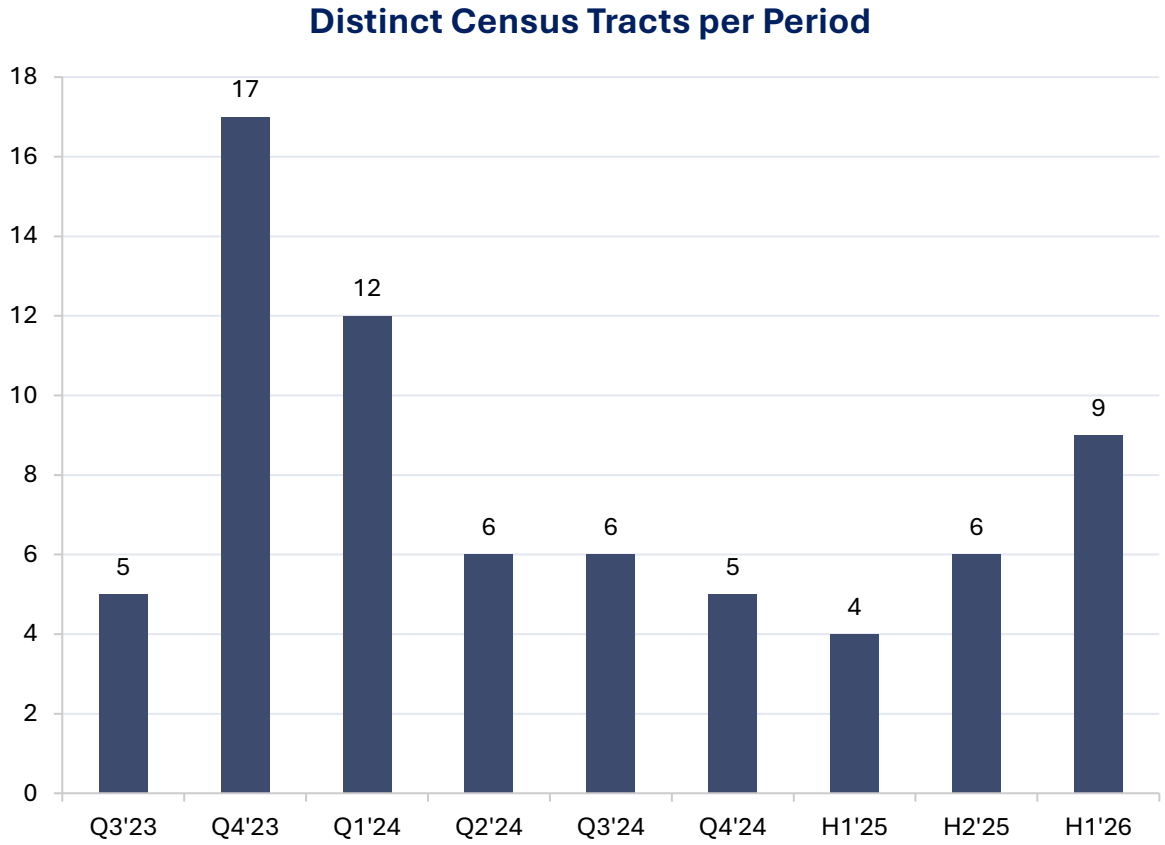
Felony/misdemeanor investigations, by period



The leading justification in every period except one.

GEOGRAPHIC FOOTPRINT

- Ordinance 205-22 mandates census-tract-only reporting
- Tract 176.04 (Tenderloin) appears in nearly every period
- Tracts 125.03/04 and 124.03/04 (Tenderloin) recur most often
- Q4 2023 was an outlier with 17 tracts included, the widest spread



CURRENT SNAPSHOT

Key metrics for January 1 – June 30, 2026

Metric	H1 2026
Requests	11
Approved	11
Census Tracts	9
Hours Monitored	40:58
Arrests	10

TAKEAWAYS

- Program has scaled down sharply from its 2024 peak of 41 requests to 11 in H1 2026
- 100% approval rate holds across every period
- Felony/misdemeanor investigations remain the primary driver of requests
- Reporting cadence change was policy-driven, per Ordinance 205-22



Questions?