



Request to Rescind Pursuant to DGO 3.01.04

Request the Police Commission to Rescind 11 Department General Orders

November 14, 2025

Pursuant to Department General Order (DGO) 3.01.04, DGOs remain in effect until amended, superseded, or rescinded by the Police Commission.

The Department is requesting the Police Commission rescind **11** DGOs, which will help to reduce redundancy, eliminate outdated practices, and deconflict written directives.

The list of proposed DGOs to rescind and their justifications are captured in the following grid. The justifications fall into one of the following categories:

- Procedures have been consolidated into a more recently revised Department General Order.
- Procedures no longer fall under this Department's authority.
- Procedures are no longer used as they are outdated relative to current practice.
- Procedures are outlined in the Department's Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with the San Francisco Police Officers' Association.

The Department of Police Accountability has reviewed this list and does not object to the Department moving this request forward to the Police Commission for consideration.

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DGO #	DGO Name	Justification
3.15	Personal Property Claims (1997)	DGO 3.15 contains economic benefits for sworn members of the department. Pursuant to the SF Charter all economic benefits for employees are required to be contained in the collective bargaining agreement. Additionally, the San Francisco Police commission has no authority over economic impacts on employees and as such, the department stopped enforcing the provisions of this DGO.
4.02	Accepting Bail (1994)	Per <i>Buffin v. San Francisco</i> , the bail system conducted by SFPD was found to be unconstitutional. Since 2020, the Department does not accept bail and the sole authority lies with the Sheriff's Office. As the Sheriff is not under the authority of our Department, this DGO cannot be imposed on them.
5.12	Search Warrants Related to Drug and Alcohol Abuse Rehabilitation (1994)	The procedures in DGO 5.12 have been updated in accordance with new state and federal law and incorporated into DGO 5.16, <i>Search Warrants</i> , which was revised in 2023. DGO 5.16.06 (B) states, "Records maintained by alcohol or other drug abuse programs must be obtained pursuant to special requirements under Health and Safety Code Section 11845.5 and/or 42 USC 290dd-2 and 42 CFR 2.65. Members shall provide the search warrant and consult with the San Francisco District Attorney's Office or the prosecuting agency on all warrants seeking records maintained by an alcohol or other drug abuse program prior to judicial review." DGO 5.16 also has new language relating to requirements under California Penal Code Sections 1545(a) and 1543.
6.01	Crime Scene Log (1994)	The procedures in DGO 6.01 have been incorporated into DGO 6.02, <i>Physical Evidence and Scene Preservation</i> , which was revised in 2023. DGO 6.02.04 (E) states, "Initiating the Incident Log - once it has been determined that a crime or major incident scene must be protected - first responding officers shall initiate an Incident Log (SFPD 28A). This log shall be maintained until all personnel have left and containment ends. The officer initiating the log should, as soon as is reasonably possible, record the incident number, type of incident and location of the incident on the Incident Log. The officer maintaining the log is responsible for recording the name and position of each person who enters the crime scene, their reason for entry, and the time they entered and exited the incident scene." The Department internally rescinded this DGO, but it was not done according to the process required in DGO 3.01.
6.17	Taxicab Regulations (2007)	The procedures in DGO 6.17 have been incorporated into DGOs 5.06, <i>Citation Release</i> (2024) and 9.01, <i>Traffic Enforcement</i> (2023). DGO 9.01 covers the regulation of all vehicles, including taxicabs, and DGO 5.06 covers the issuance of citations. The Department no longer issues administrative citations to taxicabs.

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10.04	800MHz Portable Radios (2003)	<p>The procedures in DGO 10.04 have been incorporated into DGO 10.02, <i>Equipment</i> , which was revised in 2024.</p> <p>DGO 10.02.01 (L) includes procedures regarding officer responsibilities, inoperable, modified, or lost radios, training, inspection, and communication.</p>
10.05	Weapons and Protective Equipment Inspection (1994)	<p>The procedures in DGO 10.05 have been incorporated into DGO 10.02, <i>Equipment</i>, which was revised in 2024.</p> <p>DGO 10.02.01 (M) outlines the duties of the Weapons Officer and the procedures for members to return borrowed or damaged weapons.</p>
10.07	Use of Cellular Telephones (1996)	<p>The procedures in DGO 10.07 are no longer used and do not reflect current technology practices or standards.</p> <p>California Penal Code Section 502 outlines employee conduct when using technology, including cellular telephones.</p> <p>The COIT Mobile Device Use for City Business Policy outlines the means in which city departments procure, issue, set-up, and maintain data on employee mobile devices.</p> <p>The current MOU the Department has with the Department of Technology outlines the services that DTIS will provide the Department, including cellular devices.</p>
11.01	Personnel Compensation (1994)	<p>The procedures in DGO 11.01 are outlined in the MOU between the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Police Officers' Association, which supersedes any DGO.</p> <p>The MOU covers topics of overtime, compensatory time off, vacations, legal and floating holidays, and military, personal, sick, and disability leaves.</p>
11.03	Jury Duty (1994)	<p>The procedures in DGO 11.03 are outlined in the Code of Civil Procedures Section 219, which says peace officers are exempt from jury duty, and the San Francisco Employee Handbook, which outlines the procedures for non-sworn employees relating to jury duty.</p>
11.05	Qualifications for Specific Units (1994)	<p>The procedures in this DGO are not required by law and are no longer used, or are operationally unsound.</p> <p>DGO 11.05 creates an additional medical examination as condition of assignment to the Crime Prevention Unit, which doesn't exist anymore, and the Solo Motorcycle Unit. No other California law enforcement agency mandates specialized medical exam, and the California Commission on POST "Law Enforcement MOTORS Guidelines" does not include medical tests as part of their recommendations.</p> <p>The qualifications required by the state of California for a motorcycle license (vision screening and medical self-certification) address relevant medical fitness requirements.</p>