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SUBJECT:

BWC Procedures per active MOUs (2026)

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is to provide Airport Bureau and SFPD members with guidance on complying with the Memorandum of Understanding with the Transportation Security Agency (TSA) as it relates to BWCs.

This order applies to all sworn members on duty while on San Francisco International Airport (SFO) property.

II. PROCEDURES

TSA Sensitive Security Information Areas

1. TSA has identified its checkpoints and checked baggage processing areas as locations that contain Sensitive Security Information (SSI).
 - a. SSI is a specific category of sensitive but unclassified information regulated under 49 C.F.R. parts 15 and 1520, which, if disclosed, would be detrimental to transportation security.
 - b. Authorized TSA requestors include: FSD, DFSD, AFSD-Screening, DAFSD-Screening, AFSD-LE, Transportation Security Managers (TSM), Coordination Center Officers (CCO), Transportation Security Specialist-Explosives (TSS-E), TSA screening contract management, Screening Control Center Supervisors.
2. DGO 10.11, *Body Worn Cameras*, section 10.11.06.A.8, allows for deactivation of BWC cameras for "*matters of national security*."
3. When officers respond to a call for service inside an SSI area, officers may deactivate their BWC upon entering the area. The BWC should remain in buffering mode while the officer is in the SSI area.
4. Officers are not required to deactivate their BWC when an urgent incident unrelated to the SSI area moves into the SSI area. Examples include foot pursuits, critical incidents, active shooters, or other rapidly unfolding events.
5. Officers are not required to comply with any BWC deactivation requests when performing law enforcement activities outside the perimeter of an SSI area, as that

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would conflict with DGO 10.11.

TSA requests to “Step Away” from SSI areas.

1. The MOU allows designated TSA security personnel to **request** that an on-scene SFPD member with an actively recording BWC, step away from an SSI area to avoid inadvertently recording sensitive information.
2. SFPD members should generally comply with this request unless there are extenuating circumstances or the request conflicts with any other applicable laws, written directives, or policies.
 - a. When SFPD members are unable to comply with the TSA request, acknowledge the request and advise TSA that the recording is required.
3. Requests from TSA personnel are not mandatory but should be considered in the spirit of cooperation.
4. TSA personnel cannot order SFPD members to deactivate their BWCs.
5. TSA personnel cannot order SFPD members to step away from their SSI areas.
6. A BWC in buffering mode is not considered actively recording.

TSA Access to Body Worn Camera Recordings

1. TSA requests for BWC footage shall be directed to the SFPD Legal Division, BWC Unit.
 - a. TSA Roles who can request BWC footage: FSD, DFSD, AFSD-Screening, DAFSD-Screening, AFSD-LE, SSI Coordinator, TSM, CCO, TSS-E.
 - b. TSA must keep footage confidential, restrict use to the approved purposes/roles, and safeguard against unauthorized disclosure or access.
2. Airport Bureau members shall not independently release BWC recordings to TSA.
3. All airport BWC footage will undergo TSA screening for SSI information, prior to release

Training

1. Sworn members assigned to the Airport Bureau shall receive an initial training on the protocols in this order.
 - a. Training shall emphasize balancing enforcement objectives with privacy, federal authority, and security requirements.

Reference Material

DGO 10.11, *Body Worn Cameras* (Rev.9/2025)

Memorandum Of Understanding Between the Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration and The San Francisco Police Department Regarding San Francisco Police Department Airport Bureau’s Body Worn Camera Footage At San Francisco International Airport.