

San Francisco Police Department
Professional Standards & Principled
Policing Unit

Domestic Violence Data

Admin Code Sec. 96D.2b



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Background

In November 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved and Mayor Breed signed legislation amending the San Francisco Administrative Code to require certain data involving Domestic Violence be reported on a quarterly basis starting in the first quarter of 2022. The report is to be submitted on a quarterly basis to the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, Office of Racial Equity, the Human Rights Commission, the Department on the Status of Women, and the Police Commission.

The data required is:

(1) The Police Department shall report:

(A) The number of calls for service for Domestic Violence that the Police Department received from the Department of Emergency Management in the prior quarter (quarters commencing January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1) month; and

(B) The number of Domestic Violence cases that the Police Department presented to the District Attorney for investigation and/or prosecution in the prior quarter month, and of those cases, the number in which a child or children were present and/or a firearm or firearms were present.

Additionally, the amendment requires a one-time report to be published by the end of 2021, containing data points from September 1, 2019, through September 30, 2021 that includes the above listed information.

Domestic Violence Calls for Service & Investigations

Domestic Violence, also known as Intimate Partner Violence, is abbreviated as DV for brevity in this report. For the purposes of this report, Admin Code 96D defines Domestic Violence as: "*Domestic Violence*" means the crime defined in Section 273.5 and the crimes punishable under Section 243 (e){1}, of the California Penal Code.

The SFPD responds to calls for service (CFS) received by the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) whether as a 911 emergency or through the non-emergency line. After gathering information from the caller, DEM staff has the responsibility of determining the appropriate code for the call, based on the information provided, and to dispatch units to the location as either a Priority A (highest), Priority B, or Priority C.

Upon arrival, SFPD officers conduct a thorough investigation into the allegations of domestic violence. Per SFPD policy, calls for service are coded with a final disposition of domestic violence (DV) in cases in which DV is evident during an officer's investigation.

In some cases, a report may be taken without a call to 911 (self reporting at a police station, for example.) In these cases a call for service number is generated during the report writing process.

For the purposes of continuity, this report includes data from 1 September 2021 thru 30 September 2021, in order to capture data that would otherwise not be reported per 96D.2.

Admin Code Sec. 96D.2b Reporting Components

1(A) The number of calls for service for Domestic Violence that the Police Department received from the Department of Emergency Management for the period September 1, 2019, to September 30, 2021.

CALLS FOR SERVICE, FINAL CALL CODE INCLUDES "DV" September 1, 2019, to September 30, 2021			
	2019 (09/1/19 – 12/31/19)	2020 (01/01/20 – 12/31/20)	2021 (01/01/21 – 09/30/21)
DV Calls for Service	2152	6074	4606

1(B) The number of Domestic Violence cases that the Police Department presented to the District Attorney for investigation and/or prosecution in the prior quarter, and of those cases, the number in which a child or children were present and/or a firearm or firearms were present.

DV CASES SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE			
	2019 (09/1/19 – 12/31/19)	2020 (01/01/20 – 12/31/20)	2021 (01/01/21 – 09/30/21)
Number of DV Cases Presented to the District Attorney's Office	233	646	845
Number of DV cases presented to the DA in which a child was present	43	105	72
Number of DV cases presented to the DA in which a firearm was present	6	16	24

Confiscation of Weapons: Pursuant to Penal Code § 18250 and Department policy, officers are mandated to confiscate any firearms or other deadly weapons discovered at the scene of a domestic violence incident. The weapon is booked into the Department's Property Room as evidence. As federal and state laws prohibit individuals convicted of a domestic violence charge from owning or acquiring a weapon, the Property Room follows DOJ protocols, including a criminal records' checks, to determine if the individual is eligible for release of the weapon.

Presence of Children: SFPD Department General Order 6.09 also outlines the procedures to follow if children are present during a domestic violence incident. DGO 7.04, Children of Arrested Parents, provides guidance to minimize the negative impact and harmful stressors on children when a parent/guardian is arrested whether in their presence or not.

This policy is considered a national model, highlighting law enforcement's responsibility to ensure a safe environment for children following a traumatic experience such as the arrest of one's parent.