

DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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BWC Recordings in and around SF County Jail Facilities

This directive is intended to clarify BWC recordings in and around San Francisco County Jail facilities to comply with the governing policies and procedures as set for by the San Francisco Sheriff's Department.

It is permissible to record in the sally port area of the jail. When transporting custodies, members shall begin recording prior to the person entering the vehicle and are not to deactivate the BWC until after the person has exited the vehicle.

BWC recording and buffering is not permitted inside the San Francisco County Jail. BWC must be powered down, not in buffering mode, before entering the jail.

In the event of a public records request for BWC footage – the Body Camera Unit will review and redact audio and video as necessary, including the entrances and exits of the San Francisco County Jail Facilities.

Questions regarding procedures may be directed to the Body Camera Unit at

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WILLIAM SCOTT
Chief of Police

Per DN 20-150, all sworn & non-sworn members shall electronically acknowledge this Department document in PowerDMS. Members whose duties are relevant to this document shall be held responsible for compliance. Any questions regarding this policy should be made to sfpd.writtendirectives@sfgov.org who will provide additional information.