



DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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Surreptitious Recording

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The purpose of this notice is to remind sworn and non-sworn members about the policy regarding surreptitious (secret or clandestine) recordings covered under Department General Order 2.01 Rule #56.

Department General Order 2.01 #56 States; “Unless conducting an *assigned criminal or administrative investigation*, no member shall surreptitiously record (video or audio) any other member who is on-duty without the *express written approval of the Chief of Police.*”

Prohibited surreptitious activity includes the audio recording, video recording and/or photographic recording of another member with ANY personal cellular phone or department issued cellular phone or any electronic technology that is capable of making an audio, video or photographic record.

Any information obtained or accessed by members during the performance of their duties is privileged information due to their employment in the San Francisco Police Department, and therefore shall not be recorded by any means. Please note, Body Worn Camera (BWC) policy is not changed by this notice. Members shall continue to adhere to all departmental BWC policies and procedures.

Members are reminded to use department issued electronic devices (i.e. department issued cell phone) when conducting any authorized criminal or administrative investigation.

Related Policies:

DGO 2.09, Personal Use of Social Media

DGO 10.08, Use of Computers and Peripheral Equipment

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William Scott".

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.

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