

Interagency Operations

5.14.01 PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is to establish policies regarding planned and ongoing interagency operations. It is not intended to restrict a member of the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) from appropriately assisting a member of another law enforcement or government agency in a spontaneous situation. Instead, this order is established to ensure that command personnel are properly notified of interagency operations and that members receive approval before participating in them.

5.14.02 DEFINITIONS

- A. Interagency Operations** – Any planned or ongoing operation or investigation involving SFPD and an outside agency.
- B. Outside Agency** – Any local, state, or federal law enforcement or government agency that is not SFPD.

5.14.03 POLICY

Interagency operations not governed by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall be approved by the Captain (or their designee) of the participating unit prior to SFPD participation.

5.14.04 PROCEDURES

A. Planned/Ongoing Operation

1. Prior to any planned or ongoing operation or investigation involving SFPD and an outside agency, an Interagency Operations Request Form (SFPD Form XXX) shall be completed and signed by the participating unit's Captain (or designee).
2. The unit's Captain (or designee) should notify their higher command if necessary. Interagency operation information should be included in an Operations Order, when appropriate. On-going operations and/or outside agency-led operations may not require an SFPD Operations Order.

B. Time Sensitive Operation

1. If an interagency operation does not meet exigency criteria, but written notification would cause undue delay during a rapidly evolving operation, members may request and receive verbal approval from their Captain (or designee).

2. After the conclusion of the operation, an Interagency Operations Request Form shall be prepared and the “verbal notification” box selected in the event of a verbal request.

C. Requests from an Outside Agency

1. When an outside agency requests assistance for a planned operation or investigation, the member receiving the request shall refer the agency to their Officer in Charge (OIC).
2. The OIC (or designee) shall be responsible for completing the Interagency Operations Request Form and submitting it to their Captain (or designee) for approval.
3. The unit’s Captain (or designee) will then notify their Commander, if necessary.

5.14.05 DENIAL

The Department will not participate in interagency operations that violate local or state laws, including San Francisco’s Sanctuary Laws (Admin Codes [§12H](#); [§12I](#); [Cal. Gov’t Code §7284](#)) or DGO 5.15, *Enforcement of Immigration Laws*.