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Surreptitious Recording

The purpose of this bulletin 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.

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

Members are also reminded to adhere to the following existing policies.

Department Bulletin 14-267 Social Media Policy

DGO 10.08 Use of Computers and Peripheral Equipment

Per DB 15-141, both sworn and non-sworn members are required to electronically acknowledge this Department Bulletin in HRMS.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Greg P. Suhr', is positioned above the printed name of the Chief of Police.

GREGORY P. SUHR
Chief of Police