



DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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Street Crisis Response Team

The Street Crisis Response Team (SCRT) pilot program is a collaboration between the San Francisco Department of Public Health and the San Francisco Fire Department with significant support from the Department of Emergency Management. Each team includes a community paramedic, a behavioral health clinician, and a behavioral health peer specialist. The goal of the new program is to provide an appropriate non-law enforcement response to behavioral health emergencies in San Francisco.

The program's first team started Monday, November 30, 2020, and operates Monday–Friday, from 10am–6pm. This first team will focus on responding to calls in the Tenderloin Police District *only*.

As the SCRT program is phased in, the Police Department will continue responding to calls that are *non-violent, and/or behavioral health-related*, since the single team will not be able to respond to all the behavioral health crisis calls received.

Notes for SFPD Officers

- Call Sign SCRT 1
- 800I – Calls for Service when SCRT is 98 or 97 to the location.
- SCRT is dispatched only; Do not request a 905.
- SCRT responds to public spaces only – no homes/SRO's/Offices.
- SCRT will not respond to any call with weapons or where the subject is described as a threat, violent or a public safety issue.
- SCRT may request a 905 – Federal, State, Local laws as well as SFPD DGOs take precedent in these situations:
 - DGO 5.01 – USE OF FORCE
 - DGO 6.14 – PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF ADULTS
 - DGO 10.11 – Body Worn Cameras
 - Applicable laws of arrest, search and seizure apply
 - Officers that arrest an individual from 905 shall issue a citation or take custody the subject if applicable.

Request for 5150 by SCRT

- Supervisors shall respond to the location.
- DGO 6.14 II. B. ASSISTANCE TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES
 - STAFF MEMBER IS PRESENT – "...subject is currently violent and presenting a public safety risk."

- STAFF MEMBER IS NOT PRESENT – “...officer **shall** make his/her own independent evaluation and take appropriate action consistent with that evaluation.” The standard is Probable Cause to detain an individual for a 5150.
- TRANSPORTAION – Take the clinician’s paperwork to SFGH–PES only. If the person is currently not demonstrating a public safety risk, do not transport.

Request to Search

- Officers can only search a subject based on their individualized facts and not solely based on a request.

Documentation

- Officers shall document all detentions, arrests, searches, and use of force in an incident report relating to SCRT.



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.