

SFPD Reform Timeline

June 17, 2015 — ERIW Policies Update

DB 15-142, Extended Range Impact Weapon (ERIW)

Required all radio cars to sign out an ERIW

Range began distributing additional ERIWs to stations the week of June 22

December 2015 & January 2016 – Community Meetings

Mayor Lee, SFPD and SF Police Commission conduct community meetings to receive critical community-based feedback on policing and violence prevention strategies.

December 3, 2015 — “Not on My Watch”

SFPD launched a “Not On My Watch” campaign aimed at addressing potential bigotry and intolerance.

December 7, 2015 — Use of Force

Mayor Lee directs the Police Commission to review all policies related to Use of Force, including the San Francisco Police Department General Order: Use of Force (5.01, Rev. 10/04/1995).

December 11, 2015 — Pointing of Firearm

SFPD issued a policy making the pointing of a firearm a reportable use-of-force incident. (DB 15-255)

January 20, 2016 — Use of Force DGO

San Francisco Police Department forms working group to draft update to Department General Order 5.01, Use of Force.

January 21, 2016 – Mayor Lee’s US Department of Justice Request

Mayor Lee requested Attorney General Loretta Lynch for a Department of Justice investigation of the SFPD’s use of force and training policies and the circumstances of Mario Woods.

January 27, 2016 — Community Meetings

Community Input Process for the SFPD Use of Force Policy completes four sessions.

January 27, 2016 — Less Lethal Equipment

New policy requiring officers to carry 36” baton, riot helmets, and gloves in their patrol vehicles to be prepared for immediate deployment.

February 8, 2016 — New Force Options Training

New Bi-Annual Force Options Training curriculum is implemented.

February 12, 2016 – Professional Standards & Policing Bureau

DB 16-019 establishes the Professional Standards and Principled Policing Bureau.

February 22, 2016 — Police Reforms

Mayor Lee announced a comprehensive package of police reforms, including policy and budget proposals from Police Commission and Former SFPD Chief Greg Suhr, incorporating community stakeholder input.

March 5, 2016 — Use of Force Options

Updated DGO 5.01 by issuing a department bulletin which required the reporting of a physical control as a use of force when the person is injured or claims to be injured. Re-emphasized the supervisor’s responsibility to respond to the scene.

May 2016 — Data & Transparency

City staff traveled to Washington, DC to for meetings with senior Obama Administration officials regarding data and transparency. The Police Department enrolled in President Obama’s Police Data Initiative to enhance transparency, identify disparities, and build community trust through open data. The Police Department developed a dashboard to monitor the implementation of all eligible recommendations in President Obama’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing report through a bi-annual status report.

May 10, 2016 — Police Reform Budget

Mayor Lee proposed budget for the next two fiscal years includes \$20 million reform package for violence prevention programming, instituting police reforms, and oversight through the Office of Citizens Complaints (OCC).

April 28, 2016 — “Not On My Watch”

Mayor Lee directs a letter to the SFPD Police Officers to uphold at all times the “Not On My Watch” pledge.

May 31, 2016 — Body Cameras

Mayor Lee announced the agreement made between the SFPD and San Francisco Police Officers Association (SFPOA) on the use and deployment of body worn cameras.

June 1, 2016 — Police Reform Budget & Body Cameras

Mayor Lee submits final budget with \$20 million police reforms.

Police Commission adopts the body worn camera policy. SFPD launches pilot program for officer use of body worn cameras.

June 7, 2016 — Use of Firearms Policy Updates

DB 16-082, Reminder DGO 5.02 Use of Firearms: Discharge of firearm at operator or occupant of moving vehicles. Reissue of 14-014.

Emphasized that members are prohibited from discharging their firearms at the operator or occupant of a moving vehicle except under very narrow circumstances.

June 23, 2016 — New Use of Force Policy Approved

SFPD revised Use of Force Policy were unanimously adopted by the Police Commission, which is currently in the final phase of approval.

July 11, 2016 — Blue Ribbon Panel

Blue Ribbon panel releases recommendations for police reforms.

July 18, 2016 — Body Cameras

SFPD expands program for officer use of body worn cameras.

July 21, 2016 — Use of Force Department Bulletin

DB 16-112, Principles to Consider Regarding the Use and Application of Force. The key principles of the final draft of DGO 5.01 were issued in a DB.

July 26, 2016 — Use of Force Reporting

The Police Department issued the first report on use of force and arrests mandated by Admin. Code Sec. Chapter 96A.

July 28, 2016 — Response by Crisis Intervention Trained Officer

Policy re-issued policy to re-emphasize the utilization of CIT principles

August 19, 2016 — Body Camera Deployment

Bayview is first station to have body cameras rolled out to all officers

September 14, 2016 — Funding for Closing of Unresolved Officer-Involved Shooting Cases Mayor Ed Lee approves additional funding for the District Attorney George Gascón to close previously unresolved police use of force cases.

October 4, 2016 — Mental Health Partnership with SFPD

Mayor Ed Lee announces that San Francisco will deploy licensed mental health professionals to the scene of police encounters with troubled individuals as part of a partnership between the Department of Public Health and the San Francisco Police Department.

January 2017 (est.) — Body Camera Full Deployment

Estimated time for all sworn officers to be equipped with body worn cameras.