



# DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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## e-Palm Cards for Field Documentation

The Department introduces e-Palm Cards to enhance police effectiveness and efficiency, allowing officers to dedicate more time to patrol and community engagement. The use of e-Palm Cards aligns with Proposition E, a voter-approved public safety measure, which directs the Department to streamline administrative tasks and reduce redundant reporting.

This notice establishes the use of e-Palm Cards as a standardized tool for members to document incidents that do not require a written report or form. e-Palm Cards are accessible through an icon on department-issued cell phones, helping officers document incidents more efficiently. e-Palm Cards consist of pre-printed prompts that members can use to dictate a variety of incidents on their Body Worn Cameras (BWC). The pre-printed prompts provide guidelines for the required information needed to document an incident on the BWC in lieu of writing an incident report or completing forms. Each pre-printed prompt is accompanied by policy guidelines for reference. Below are screenshots of the e-Palm Cards.



E-PALM CARD:

### INVESTIGATIVE DETENTIONS

- Spoken Text & Guidelines -

I, (Rank) (Name) (Star) detained you based on the foregoing:

[Provide a short narrative providing preliminary facts and circumstances that establish reasonable suspicion to believe a crime has been committed and the person detained was connected to it.]



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#### Guidelines

Reasonable suspicion is a set of specific facts that would lead a reasonable person to believe that a crime is, was, or is about to occur and the person under suspicion is reasonably connected to the crime. Reasonable suspicion to detain is also established whenever there is any violation of law. Reasonable suspicion cannot be based solely on a hunch or instinct. DGO 5.03.02.D.