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# A Quick Guide to POLICE in San Francisco

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## What do the police do for you?

The highest priority of the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) is to promote public safety and enforce the law. They also protect property, work to reduce the fear of crime, and collaborate with neighborhoods to solve quality of life issues.

The SFPD maintains your trust by engaging with you and your community. If you have a police complaint, contact the **Department of Police Accountability** (contact information on back of page).

## Take Action

### Join the League of Women Voters San Francisco Observer Corps

Observers attend, watch or listen to a variety of public meetings dealing with policing practices. We gather information because we want to learn about the issues, inform others, meet stakeholders, report on transparency and protect everyone's right to public records and meetings.

### Interested?

Contact us at: [volunteer@lwvsf.org](mailto:volunteer@lwvsf.org),  
<http://lwvsf.org/police> or 415-989-8683

## How can I connect with the police?



### Police Commission Meetings

The Police Commission oversees the SFPD and the Department of Police Accountability. They hold weekly public meetings in City Hall during which you can learn about citywide police issues and voice your concerns.

Meetings are broadcast on public tv and streamed live on [www.sfgovtv.org](http://www.sfgovtv.org).

Visit their website to learn when the next meeting is held:  
[www.sanfranciscopolice.org/police-commission](http://www.sanfranciscopolice.org/police-commission)



### Police District Meetings

The SFPD has ten Police Districts. Each Police District hosts public monthly community meetings. At these meetings you can learn about current local police issues, voice concerns and speak directly to the officers in your community.

Visit [www.sanfranciscopolice.org/stations](http://www.sanfranciscopolice.org/stations) to:

- look up when your police district meetings are held
- sign up for your local districts newsletter on the website

Turn the page to find your police district →

# Police Issues

## Reform

The SFPD received 272 recommendations for improvement from the Department of Justice that focus on these areas: Use of Force; Bias; Community Policing; Accountability; and Recruitment, Hiring and Personnel Practices.

## Use of Force

The Police Commission approved arming officers with TASERs in November 2017. Officers may use them if a person is violently resisting or armed with a weapon that isn't a firearm.

## Bias

The District Attorney office had an implicit-bias training for recruits and current officers. Officers learned how bias can, and does, operate within each of us at an unconscious level.

## SF Police Districts

