



DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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Firearm Security in Vehicles

Members of the San Francisco Police Department are responsible for knowing the location of firearm(s) under their care and control; and ensuring those firearm(s) are secure at all times, whether on or off duty.

When members are in public and in possession of a firearm, they should maintain the firearm secured on their person at all times.

However, should it become necessary to secure a firearm inside an unattended vehicle (excludes shotguns/patrol rifles already secured), a member shall adhere to the following guidelines:

- Members shall not secure firearms in the glove box or other similar storage compartment within any vehicle.
- If a member is faced with a situation that requires a firearm be stored in an unattended vehicle for a short period of time, the firearm shall be secured inside the locked trunk of the vehicle. The firearm is to be placed in the trunk out of public view.
- If the vehicle design does not include a trunk (truck, SUV, etc.), the firearm shall be secured in a locked metal container affixed to the vehicle in a location within the passenger compartment not visible from the exterior of the vehicle. The firearm is to be placed in the locked metal container out of public view.

If a member is unable to secure a firearm in a vehicle as described above, the member shall not leave a firearm in an unattended vehicle.

Under no circumstances shall any firearm be left unattended in a vehicle overnight.


WILLIAM SCOTT
Chief of Police

Per DB 19-156, sworn members are required to electronically acknowledge receipt and review of this Department Notice in HRMS. Any questions or clarification regarding this policy should be made to sfpd.writtendirectives@sfgov.org who will provide additional guidance about the directive.