

Departmental Publications

Here are four ways the Oakland Police Department (OPD) can update or implement a departmental policy.



Departmental General Order (DGO)

A DGO is a policy that impacts multiple organizational units within OPD. The department's supervisory staff is responsible for communicating and implementing the DGO's directives with their members.



Manual of Rules (MORs)

MORs further specify OPD's conduct standards, to ensure members' actions align with the department's mission, vision, code of ethics, and statement of values. MORs provide OPD personnel with distinct directives for their conduct both on and off duty.



Special Order (SO)

An SO serves as an official notice regarding modifications to a policy, procedure, and technique, amongst other communications. The SO is not an official directive until its revisions are reflected in a permanent policy (e.g. DGO, TB or MOR).



Departmental Training Bulletin (TB)

The TB is designed to keep sworn personnel and select civilian employees of real-time updates to policies, procedures, and techniques. This bulletin also serves as a training resource for new and veteran members. The information displayed within a TB constitutes as an official Departmental policy on the subject matter.

