



# Recommendation Submission/Response Form

Referenced CASA area (A,B,C,D,E):   A  

This response is in reference to recommendation #18-04 Bicycle Evidence/ Area Command Northwest

Responsible SME: Commander C. George

Date received: 3/14/18

Date returned: 4/1/19

**RECOMMENDATION** (Recommendation/Reasoning must be 500 words or less for submission):

We recommend the City of Albuquerque allow the APO Evidence Unit to release unclaimed or unreturnable bicycles, components, and parts to the Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department for use in the Esperanza Community Bike Program. We further recommend that APO allocate such funds as are reasonable and necessary to acquire and maintain an enclosure] sufficient to protect bicycles maintained in custody of the Evidence Unit.

## **APD RESPONSE/REASONING:**

It has been the practice and policy at the Scientific Evidence Division to do exactly what is recommended. If an owner/finder has been established by the reporting officer a letter will be sent advising the owner that their items must be claimed within 90 days. If, after 90 days, the property has not been claimed it will be properly disposed of per New Mexico State Statute sections 29-1-13 through 29-1-15. Part of the disposal process includes the Esperanza Center.

APD started donating unclaimed bikes to the Esperanza Bicycle Safety Education Center in 2015. Since 2017 we have taken in 652 bikes:

- 2017-296
- 2018-310
- 2019-46 YTD

APD is looking into funding sources for a potential holding shelter for secured bikes.

Chief made aware of recommendation: Yes  No

Recommendation Status: Approved  Denied  Needs more time