



CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE

Northeast Area Command

COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATION

DATE SUBMITTED: _____ Seven (7) business days after submission

RECEIPT DUE: _____ Twenty (20) business days after submission

APD RESPONSE DUE: _____ Sixty (60) business days after submission

RATIONALE:

Teenagers, as new drivers, are an at-risk group due to inexperience and youthful exuberance. They especially need guidance in understanding what to do if pulled over by a police officer, so it seems logical to try and educate them in as many ways as possible. Two obvious ways are in the high schools and through driver training schools.

Recently the Valley Area Command Community Policing Council (VACCPC) has made a Recommendation of incorporating information on "Encounters With the Police" in the New Mexico Drivers Handbook and questions on that topic included in the written test for drivers. As a follow-up to their suggestion, and as a further way to build on community policing principles and promote constitutional policing, we submit the following recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

We, the Northeast Area Command Community Policing Council, recommend to Chief Gorden E. Eden, Jr., and the Albuquerque Police Department:

(a) that the APD Officers assigned to APS Public High Schools, charter schools, and private high schools in Albuquerque work with the administrations of the schools and any APS Officers assigned to them to inform all students old enough to prepare for drivers licenses about the contents of the APD brochure entitled "What Should I Do If I Am Stopped By A Police Officer?";

(b) that each high school, public, private and charter, be requested to post a link to that brochure on its website for parents to access;

(c) that the driver training schools in Albuquerque (as stakeholders in community safety) be provided with the brochures to incorporate into their training;

(d) and that the Chief ask the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office to join forces with APD in this effort to inform students.

Attached below: copy of APD brochure "What Should I Do If I Am Stopped By A Police Officer?" (English & Spanish)

This Education of Teen Drivers Recommendation was discussed and passed by a vote of _____, a quorum being present, at the _____ meeting of the Northeast Area Command Community Policing Council, and is

Signed by the following Voting Members of the Northeast Area Command Community Policing Council on _____, 2016:

Annie Onderdonk, Chair _____

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What should I do if I am stopped by a police officer?



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Gorden E. Eden Jr., Chief of Police

PULL OVER IMMEDIATELY

*Pull off to the right side of the roadway and position your vehicle as far out of the traffic lane as possible.

*Turn off your engine and any audio devices (radio, CD player, cell phone) and roll down your window so you can communicate with the officer.

*If the stop takes place in the dark, turn on your emergency flashers and the vehicle's interior lights so that the officer can easily see inside.

*Ask the officer for identification if he is not in uniform or if his patrol vehicle does not have official law enforcement markings.

REMAIN CALM

*Remain calm and ask all passengers to remain quiet and calm as well.

*Keep your seat belt fastened and ask your passengers to do the same.

*Stay in your seat and do not get out of the vehicle unless the officer asks you to.

HANDS IN PLAIN VIEW

*Keep your hands in plain view, preferably on the steering wheel. Ask your passengers to keep their hands in plain view or on their laps.

*Do not make any suspicious movements such as reaching under the seat or dashboard. The officer might think that you are trying to hide or are searching for something.

WEAPONS POSSESSION

* Let the officer know if you are carrying a weapon in your car or on your person. Tell the officer if you have a concealed carry permit.

* A pat down search may be performed. This is done if the officer believes that you might be carrying anything that may jeopardize his safety.

* Do not be surprised if another patrol car appears. This is only to assure the safety of all parties involved.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

*The officer will ask for your driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance.

*Tell the officer where these documents are located and reach for them slowly, keeping one hand on the steering wheel.

COMMUNICATE CLEARLY

*Answer the officer's questions fully and clearly.

*If you disagree with the officer, do not discuss your point of view during the traffic stop. You will be given the opportunity to do this in court.

*The citation will show the date and location of your court date.

OBEY THE GOLDEN RULE

*Treat the officer like you would want to be treated and the officer will respond in kind.

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

* If the reason for the citation is not clear, ask the officer for an explanation in a respectful manner.

* If the officer gives you a citation you will be asked to sign it. Your signature is not an admission of guilt. It only means that you acknowledge receiving the citation.

* If you refuse to sign the citation you will be arrested.

FOLLOW UP

* If you believe the officer acted improperly, document the interaction and then call the APD Internal Affairs Unit at (505) 768-2880. You may also file a complaint online at www.cabq.gov/iro.

* If you have any questions about the laws of New Mexico, consult an attorney or a law enforcement officer who is familiar with the traffic code.

FAIRNESS, INTEGRITY,
PRIDE & RESPECT



VISIT APD AT
WWW.CABQ.GOV/POLICE

¿Que debo hacer si un oficial de la policia me detiene?



Departamento de Policia de Albuquerque
(505) 768-2200

Gorden E. Eden Jr., Jefe de Policia

DETENGASE Y ESTACIONESE INMEDIATAMENTE

*Estacione a la derecha de la via y ubique su vehiculo lo mas lejos del trafico que pueda.

*Apague su motor y cualquier equipo de sonido (radio, celular, etc) y baje la ventana de su vehiculo para comunicarse con el oficial de policia.

*Si lo detienen en un lugar oscuro, prenda sus luces intermitentes y las luces del interior del vehiculo para que el oficial pueda facilmente ver lo que sucede adentro del vehiculo.

*Si el oficial de policia no esta uniformado o si la patrulla (carro del policia) no cuenta con un logo que lo identifique con el departamento de policia, pidale un documento de identificacion.

MANTENGA LA CALMA

*Mantenga la calma y pidale a los pasajeros que lo acompañan que mantengan la calma tambien.

*Mantenga el cinturón de seguridad abrochado y pidale a los pasajeros que hagan lo mismo.

*Manténgase sentado en su sitio y no salga del vehiculo al menos que el oficial de policia se lo pida.

MANOS A LA VISTA

*Mantenga sus manos a la vista y preferiblemente en el timón. Pidale a los pasajeros que lo acompañan que pongan las manos encima de las piernas.

*No haga ningún movimiento sospechoso como pretender agarrar algo debajo del asiento o en la guantera. El oficial de policia podría pensar que usted esta tratando de esconder o alcanzar algo.

POSESION DE ARMAS

* Déjele saber al oficial de policia si tiene un arma. Comuniquelo al oficial si cuenta con un permiso para portarla.

* El oficial le podría realizar un palpado si es que este piensa que usted carga algo que puede atentar contra su seguridad.

* No se sorprenda si otro vehiculo policial aparece en la escena. Esto pasa solo para resguardar la seguridad de ambas partes.

PEDIDO DE DOCUMENTOS

*El oficial le preguntara por su licencia de conducir, la prueba de registro del vehiculo y la prueba de seguro (aseguranza).

*Dígale al oficial en que parte del auto tiene estos documentos y búsquelos con calma manteniendo una mano en el timón del vehiculo.

COMUNICACION CLARA

*Conteste todas las preguntas que le hace el oficial de manera clara y veraz.

*Si usted no esta de acuerdo con el oficial, no discuta su punto de vista durante esta detención. Usted tendrá la oportunidad de discutir la situación en detalle en la corte.

*La citación indicara la fecha y el lugar de la corte donde puede acudir.

TRATE A OTROS COMO QUIESERA SER TRATADO

*Trate al oficial de policia como usted quisiera que lo traten, así el oficial le responderá de manera amable.

INFRACCION DE TRAFICO

*Si la razón de la infracción no es del todo clara, pregunte al oficial de policia, con respeto, por una explicación mas detallada.

*Si el oficial le pone una infracción le pedirá que la firme. Su firma no asegura necesariamente su culpa o responsabilidad, solo indica que usted tiene conocimiento de la infracción que le han puesto.

*Si usted se rehúsa a firmar la infracción será arrestado.

SEGUIMIENTO

*Si usted cree que el oficial de policia ha actuado de manera impropia, documente la situación y llame a la Unidad de Asuntos Internos del departamento de policia de Albuquerque al (505) 768-2880. Usted tambien puede presentar una queja electrónica ingresando a www.cabq.gov/iro.

*Si tiene alguna pregunta acerca de las leyes de Nuevo México, consulte con un abogado o algún oficial que este familiarizado con las normas de trafico.

JUSTICIA, INTEGRIDAD,
ORGULLO Y RESPETO



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