



Recommendation Submission/Response Form

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

This response is in reference to recommendation #21-14 APD Traffic Unit /Northwest Area Command

Responsible SME: Commander Joe Viers

Date received: 8/04/21

Date returned: 8/23/21

RECOMMENDATION (Recommendation/Reasoning):

APD Traffic Unit perform tactical plans specifically targeting red-light violators and others disregarding traffic signals at intersections.

Reason for Recommendation:

APD released crash data for 2018 that included 2,007 accidents. Of those, 1,102 included “disregarded traffic signals” as contributing factors. Only 807 included “excessive speed” as a contributing factor. Red-light runners and people making unsafe turns at traffic signals are of great concern to the community. To that end, it is our recommendation that the APD Traffic Unit conduct specific tactical plans targeting these violations at major intersections highlighted by the Albuquerque Area High Fatal and Injury Network (HFIN), such as Coors & Ouray, Coors & Montañó, Coors & Paseo del Norte, Golf Course & Paradise, Coors & Irving, and Cottonwood & Old Airport.

APD RESPONSE/REASONING:

The CPC recommended that the APD Motor Unit conduct operations at identified intersections due to an increase in red-light runners. I had the data pulled for these intersections for 2020 and 2021. It appears that there is a significant decrease in red light violations being the contributing factors of crashes since the 2018 report. In 2021, the APD Motor Unit has responded to 49 fatal crashes Citywide. Of those 49 crashes, only 4 were a result of a driver failing to obey a traffic signal in one way or another. The total number of crashes taken by APD to-date in 2021 is 6,796. This does not include crash reports that were taken by NMSF or BCSO within the City limits. The data pulled identifies when a driver was found to have failed to obey a traffic signal during a reported crash. This is current for 2021. I also have listed what was reported in 2020.

Coors @ Ouray – 6 (2020 -3)
Coors @ Montano – 2 (2020 -5)
Coors @ Paseo Del Norte – 1 (2020 -2)
Coors @ Irving -1 (2020 -5)
Golf Course @ Paradise -2 (2020 -2)
Cottonwood @ Old Airport 1 (2020 -0)

The data collected proves that red light violations are no longer a significant factor in crashes at these intersection. It is still important to ensure motorists are obeying the law related to traffic signals at ALL intersections and I will ensure my motor officers are monitoring these intersections as they can, but at this time our main focus in these areas will continue to be excessive speed since it is the most reported contributing factor in crashes.

Chief made aware of recommendation: Yes No

Recommendation Status: Approved Denied Needs more time