



Recommendation Submission/Response Form

This response is in reference to recommendation #21-15 APD Equipment for Vehicles/
Northwest Area Command
Responsible SME: Chief Harold Medina
Date received: 8/4/2021
Date returned: 8/6/2021

RECOMMENDATION (Recommendation/Reasoning):
APD Equip Patrol Vehicles with Moving Radar Systems

Reason for Recommendation:

Having moving radar systems in patrol vehicles would serve two main community interests. First, it would allow officers to engage in proactive traffic enforcement on a regular basis. Second, the ability of officers to engage in proactive traffic enforcement would have a deterrent effect on drivers. Forward-facing moving radar systems are designed to report the speed of oncoming traffic while a patrol vehicle is in motion. Systems are also available that have a rear-facing antenna that can report the speed of vehicles approaching the radar unit. These systems can be operated during routine patrol operations and while an officer is enroute to lower priority calls. The systems can also be used in stationary mode for targeted speed enforcement. It seems to be common knowledge among Albuquerque drivers that APD does not conduct frequent traffic enforcement operations. A media campaign advertising the use of these moving radar systems would contribute to the deterrent effect. Drivers will not know whether a patrol vehicle approaching on the roadway is engaged in speed enforcement or not, leading the driver to adjust their behavior to avoid being stopped for a moving violation. Unlike speed vans or other unmanned speed enforcement systems, moving radar in a patrol vehicle will increase the number of traffic stops by sworn officers and increase the possibility of finding additional crimes or drivers with outstanding warrants.

APD RESPONSE/REASONING:

APD has started the process prior to the recommendation with ordering 100 radar units to be distributed onto police vehicles. This however, will take time to receive, install, and train officers. APD will be increasing for more radar units in the future.

Chief made aware of recommendation: Yes No

Recommendation Status: Approved Denied Needs more time