1-28  COMMUNITY RESPONSE DOWNTOWN UNIT (DTUCR)

Related SOP(s), Form(s), Other Resource(s), and Rescinded Special Order(s):

A. Related SOP(s)
   1-21  Bicycle Patrol (Currently 4-14)
   1-81  Proactive Response Team
   2-19  Response to Behavioral Health Issues
   2-71  Search and Seizure without a Warrant
   2-79  Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)
   2-80  Arrests, Arrest Warrants, and Booking Procedures

B. Form(s)
   PD 1501 APD Resource Card

C. Other Resource(s)
   Special Order 20-18 Authority to Issue Citations and Arrest Pursuant to APD SOPs
   and the McClendon Settlement Agreement

D. Rescinded Special Order(s)
   None
   SO 17-53 Court Order in McClendon and Arrest Procedures
   SO 20-18 Authority to Issue Citations and Arrest Pursuant to APD SOPs and the
   McClendon Settlement Agreement

1-28-1  Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to Community Response Unit is a provide a specialized unit that
addresses issues in the Downtown Core Public Safety District through community-oriented
policing.

1-28-2  Policy

It is the policy of the Albuquerque Police Department (Department) to establish a
specialized unit that will address issues through enforcement and outreach in the Downtown
Public Safety District. DTU They will accomplish this by working with the community
and business partners by providing high-visibility patrol while patrolling by foot, car,
bike, or other means throughout the Downtown area Public Safety District.

1-28-3  Definitions
A. Community Policing

A proactive relationship between the Department and the people of Albuquerque with the goal of lowering crime, building trust, and improving the quality of life.

A.B. Downtown Public Safety District

The area is defined on the east by Broadway Boulevard, the railroad tracks, on the north by Tijeras Lomas Boulevard Avenue NW, on the south by Lead Avenue NW, and on the west by 126th Street NW (with the exception of the area between Copper Ave and the alley just south of Central; in this area, the west boundary will be 8th Street NW).

C. Outreach

Department efforts to connect community members with services.

1-28-4 Rules and Responsibilities

A. Community Response Downtown Unit (DTU) Supervisor

The DTU unit supervisor will be a sergeant who successfully tests and is selected for the position. The sergeant reports directly to the Police and Community Together (PACT) DTU Lieutenant.

B. Community Response Downtown Unit (DTU)

1. DTU CR Unit officers sworn personnel will be assigned to the Downtown Public Safety District and report to the CR Unit DTU Sergeant.

   a. Officers Sworn personnel shall respond to calls for service within the Downtown Public Safety District and be responsible for calls for service and proactive enforcement within the designated boundaries.

   a.b. Sworn personnel shall conduct and engage in outreach within the Downtown Public Safety District.

2. DTU CR Unit officers sworn personnel shall follow the Department’s philosophy of community-oriented policing by conducting frequent contacts with business owners, patrons, and other stakeholders in their area of responsibilities in the Downtown Public Safety District.

   a. Officers Sworn personnel shall will address issues coming to their attention during their daily patrols and community contacts through enforcement and/or diversion. Some issues include, but are not limited to:
i. Criminal activity;
ii. Non-criminal disputes between the community and business partners; and
a.iii. As appropriate, applying jail diversion, consistent with SOP Response to Behavioral Health Issues and SOP Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD).
b. Any issues that cannot be addressed will be reported to their supervisor to determine if other resources will be required in order to address those concerns. An officer shall consult with their supervisor about any issues they cannot resolve and/or issues that may require additional resources.

3. Unless authorized by their supervisor, DTU sworn personnel will not be dispatched to routine calls for service outside of their assigned area, unless authorized by their supervisor. DTU sworn personnel may be required to respond outside of their assigned area and hours at the discretion of the Valley Area Commander.

4. DTU sworn personnel may be required to attend special events to include adjusting their work schedule within their area command, at the direction of the chain of command.

   a. Such special events may include, but are not limited to:

      i. Protests in the Downtown area First Amendment Assemblies;
      ii. Special events on Civic Plaza;
      iii. Community-oriented events in the Downtown Public Safety District; and
      iv. Providing traffic control/perimeter assistance or bike patrol for events, such as large gatherings and demonstrations in the Downtown Public Safety District.

5. It is optional for DTU sworn personnel to wear the bike uniform is optional, in lieu of the regular duty uniform. The designated DTU patch is optional for wear with both uniforms. Uniform modifications may be approved by the chain of command.

6. DTU sworn personnel officers must be bike-certified before conducting any bicycle patrols, consistent with and will abide by SOP 3-7 Bicycle Patrol.

7. At the direction of their supervisor, DTU sworn personnel officers may be required to attend community meetings within the Downtown Public Safety District that are hosted by community stakeholders and business partners within the Downtown Public Safety District.

8. DTU sworn personnel officers will shall be familiar with provide individuals who are homeless with information on resources and outreach programs for individuals who are experiencing homelessness and may offer such resources to
individuals experiencing homelessness when the individual requests those resources or they believe that individual is in need of such resources. Such resources include but are not limited to:

a. Resource Card Form;
b. Directly contacting service providers on behalf of the individual; or
c. Transporting the individual to a service provider.

9. DTU sworn personnel CR Unit officers, at the discretion of their supervisor, may participate with other organizations in the outreach of individuals who are experiencing homelessness. When participating, CR Unit DTU sworn personnel officers will be in the prescribed uniform and travel in their Department-issued vehicles to the outreach location.
4-3—COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT (CR)

4-3-1—Purpose

The Community Response Unit is a specialized unit that addresses issues in the Downtown Core through community-oriented policing.

4-3-2—Policy

It is the policy of the Albuquerque Police Department to establish a specialized unit that will address issues in the Downtown Entertainment District. They will accomplish this by working with community partners and providing high-visibility while patrolling by foot, car, bike or other means throughout the Downtown area.

4-3-3—Definitions

A. Downtown Entertainment District

The area is defined on the east by the railroad tracks, on the north by Tijeras Avenue NW, on the south by Lead Avenue NW, and on the west by 6th Street NW (with the exception of the area between Copper Ave and the alley just south of Central; in this area, the west boundary will be 8th Street NW).

4-3-4—Rules and Responsibilities

A. Community Response Unit Supervisor

The unit supervisor will be a sergeant who successfully tests and is selected for the position. The sergeant reports directly to the Police and Community Together (PACT) lieutenant.

B. Community Response Unit

1. CR Unit Officers will be assigned to the Downtown Entertainment District and report to the CR Unit Sergeant.

a. Responsible for calls for service and proactive enforcement within the designated boundaries.

2. CR Units Officers shall follow the department’s philosophy of community oriented policing by conducting frequent contacts with business owners, patrons and other stakeholders in their area of responsibilities.

a. Officers will address issues coming to their attention during their daily patrols and community contacts.
b. Any issues that cannot be addressed will be reported to their supervisor to determine if other resources will be required in order to address those concerns.

3. CR Units will not be dispatched to routine calls for service outside of their assigned area unless authorized by their supervisor.

4. CR Units may be required to attend special events, to include adjusting their work schedule, within their area command at the direction of the chain of command.

a. Such special events may include:

1. Protests in the Downtown Area
2. Special events on Civic Plaza.
3. Community oriented events in the downtown entertainment district.
4. Providing traffic control/perimeter assistance or bike patrol for events such as large gatherings and demonstrations in the Downtown Area.

5. The wearing of the bike uniform is optional in lieu of the regular duty uniform. The designated CR Unit Patch is optional for wear with both uniforms. Uniform modifications may be approved by the chain of command.

6. CR Unit Officers must be bike certified before conducting any bicycle patrols and will abide by SOP 3-7.

7. CR Unit officers will be required to attend community meetings within the Downtown Entertainment District.

8. CR Unit officers will provide homeless individuals with information on resources or outreach programs when a person requests those resources or they believe that person is in need of those resources.

9. CR Unit officers, at the discretion of their supervisor, may participate with other organizations in the outreach of homeless individuals. When participating, CR Unit officers will be in the prescribed uniform and travel in their department issued vehicles to the outreach location.