



Recommendation Submission/Response Form

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

This response is in reference to recommendation #17-05 Non-Injury Traffic Collisions/ Area Command Southwest

Responsible SME: Commander D. Rivera

Date received: 7/13/17 - Resubmitted in 2018

Date returned: 4/12/19

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

Research on non-injury traffic collisions is scarce. Most statistics on traffic collisions address collisions that have injuries or are fatal. Police officers spend an inordinate amount of time responding to non-injury traffic collisions. In the spirit of community policing, the Southwest Citizen Police Council (CPC) is calling on the public to “work with” the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) in reducing the number of calls to non-injury traffic collisions.

It is the recommendation of the Southwest Citizens Police Council that the current policy remain intact, with the exception of “**section F**” [in bold] added, which stipulates that officers will not respond to traffic collisions where no injuries are involved.

Printed “Motorist Information Exchange Cards” could be made available through a number of outlets:

- All APD substations
- All Motor Vehicle Division locations
- Libraries
- Albuquerque Police Department Website for Download

Duplicating services is not prudent as it wastes valuable resources. Since there is a shortage of police officers, managing time officers spend on a call and cutting costs is not only the fiscally responsible action to take, it moves the police department in staying transparent. Time spend filling out a traffic collision report takes officers away from other duties. Citizens involved in a minor traffic collision, where no injuries are involved will aid Albuquerque Police Department in utilizing officers time more efficiently and assist the department in remaining transparent.

(F)Traffic Collisions

- 1. Motorists involved in a non-injury traffic collision shall exchange information for insurance purposes.**
- 2. Only Traffic collisions where injuries are reported will police officers respond.**

(Please see below for example of exchange card)

APD RESPONSE/REASONING:

The issue regarding traffic collisions has been an ongoing matter of discussion. In general, APD officers are not dispatched to any type of call, police dispatchers MUST dispatch an officer due to the citizen's request. In such cases, it changes the call type (for example, from a crash without injuries to a police contact call). APD has worked to streamline crash reporting and allow officers more availability by creating the online crash reporting system and station reports. APD also accepts online reports for the following categories:

- Auto Burglary
- Auto Vandalism
- Lost Property
- Telephone Harassment
- Theft of Larceny
- Vandalism

Chief made aware of recommendation: Yes No

Recommendation Status: Approved Denied Needs more time

Motorist information Exchange Card

Drivers Name _____
Driver's License Number _____ Age _____
Phone Number _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Insurance Carrier _____
Policy/Group Number _____
Insurance Agent _____
Year/Color of Vehicle _____
License Plate Number _____
Phone Number _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
Witness 1 Name: _____
Phone Number _____
Witness 2 Name: _____
Phone Number _____