Recommendation Submission/Response Form

Referenced CASA area (A,B,C,D,E): _____
This response is in reference to recommendation #19-09: Improvements are Necessary to the Classification and Reporting of 10 Codes/ Area Command Southeast
Responsible SME: A/Commander L. Languit
Date received: 7/30/19
Date returned: 2/4/20

RECOMMENDATION (Recommendation/Reasoning):
It is hereby recommended by this Council, that APD revise its record keeping and reporting procedures to correctly reflect the number of persons arrested for solicitation as a distinct figure (perhaps the creation of 10 sub-code), separate and apart from the numbers of persons arrested for prostitution. We also recommend that as sex trafficking and prostitution are a sizable concern to the Southeast Area Command and community, these figures be reported monthly and accurately in the crime report to this Community Policing Council as well as to all the Albuquerque CPCs.

Reasoning:
Accurate classification, recording, and reporting of criminal arrests is important. The reasons are varied, including how Albuquerque crime is perceived by the community at-large, how it is perceived by the APD force and authorities beyond APD, and how local crime is perceived by government entities. Accurate information is required for a community to understand itself.

The misdemeanor crimes of prostitution and solicitation (of a prostitute), are separate and distinct crimes which need be classified, recorded, and reported as such. Human trafficking and sex trafficking are felonies, also requiring separate classification.

Currently APD classifies and reports all crimes related to prostitution, including solicitation, simply as "prostitution" or a "10 code". This creates a gross misrepresentation of the numbers of those arrested for selling sex (prostitution) vs. the numbers of those purchasing sex (solicitation). When various sex crimes

are simply recorded as "prostitution", there is an inherent misrepresentation of the truth, as the number of solicitation arrests are completely withheld from the public and the number of prostitution arrests becomes inflated. Hence, incorrect figures are reported to the force, to the community, and beyond. Interviews with two senior commanders have confirmed that this indeed is the situation. One commander explained that an arrest may be recorded as prostitution, though in actuality the arrest may have been made for dealing in an illegal substance, simply because the original call for service from the community was recorded as "prostitution".

APD RESPONSE/REASONING:

After reviewing recommendation #19-09, I concur with the Community Policing Council's recommendation to improve the Albuquerque Police Department's (APD) reporting procedures to correctly reflect the number of persons arrested for solicitation, separate and apart from the numbers of person arrested for prostitution. It would be my recommendation or response to the Community Policing Council that the creation of a 10 sub-code would not accurately address or improve the reporting procedures. A 10 code is generated on a computer-aided dispatch (CAD). Utilizing the CAD to report what the criminal charges are, who and how many victims, who and how many offenders, and what evidence is collected, cannot be accurately reported in the CAD due to system and reporting limitations. For APD to really produce reliable and valid data that can be utilized to determine how local crime is perceived by government entities, and to ensure accurate, reliable, and valid information is also being provided to the community so the community can understand itself, APD needs to utilize primary incident reports and supplemental offense reports to accomplish this. I would recommend the following:

1. APD should not use 10 codes / CADS to generate a report that is intended to present the number of sex trafficking or prostitution crimes that are occurring in a specific area or for a specific time period. Reason being, officers may be dispatched to a call for service, which may be coded on the CAD as a domestic dispute. Through the course of their investigation they may determine that one of the parties involved is a victim of sex trafficking. Due to the relationship between the parties, it still is a domestic dispute, thus the CAD is properly coded. Now the primary incident report would reflect the following offenses, domestic violence in the first box, and human trafficking in the second box. With one of the parties

being a victim of both offenses. So to only utilize the CAD to report on "human trafficking" this would not provide accurate data and information.

Chief made aware of recommendation: Yes ⊠ No ☐

Recommendation Status: Approved ☐ Denied (Alternate Solution) ⊠
Needs more time ☐

Recommendation: Utilize the primary incident reports and supplemental offense reports to classify, record, and report each category of crime. Provide the community with a report that presents accurate information on each category relating to a sex offense. Prostitution, Patronizing a Prostitute, Criminal Solicitation, Human Trafficking, etc. The APD Crime Analysis Unit in coordination with the VICE Unit will analyze each incident and a final report will present how many offenders and victims for each category, how many times narcotics or controlled substances are involved, how many times a violent crime is also associated with the incident, and what evidence is collected. For the purposes of transparency to the community, this final comprehensive report will be provided each month when requested.