



2-49 VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN) INSPECTIONS

Related SOP(s), Form(s), Other Resource(s), and Rescinded Special Order(s):

A. Related SOP(s)

- 1-16 Auto Theft Unit (Formerly 5-11)
- 2-48 Towing and Wrecker Services
- 3-20 Overtime, Compensatory Time, and Work Shift Designation

B. Form(s)

New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) Form 10861A

C. Other Resource(s)

NMSA 1978, § 66-3-507 Altered Vehicle Identification Numbers; Contraband

D. Rescinded Special Order(s)

None

2-49-1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide requirements for Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) certified sworn personnel in completing inspections of motor vehicles.

2-49-2 Policy

It is the policy of the Albuquerque Police Department (Department) to establish procedures for Department personnel who assist community members with registration of their vehicles with the New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division (MVD). It is also the policy of the Department to provide trained and certified sworn personnel to complete VIN inspections in the identification of vehicles that have been stolen and have been altered from their original state.

N/A 2-49-3 Definitions

None

5 2-49-4 Procedures

A. Training and Certification

1. Sworn personnel who are VIN certified must be trained and have currently-issued VIN Investigator Credentials and shall be authorized to complete and sign the Affidavit of Vehicle Identification Number (NM MVD Form 10861A) to register vehicles in New Mexico.



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6 B. Sworn personnel who are certified as a VIN investigator shall make inspections and follow the established guidelines provided in training;

1. Any currently certified VIN Investigator with credentials may perform motorcycle and watercraft inspections.

N/A C. Chief's Overtime Program personnel shall maintain:

1. A list of sworn personnel authorized to inspect vehicles; and
2. All copies of VIN Inspection forms for a minimum of three (3) years. The officer shall also retain a copy of the form for three (3) years.

7 D. Seized Vehicles

1. When inspecting vehicles seized as authorized under NMSA § 66-3-507, the on-call Auto Theft Unit Detective shall be notified immediately, consistent with SOP Auto Theft Unit, and a copy of the Uniform Incident Report shall be forwarded to the Auto Theft Unit Detective within twenty-four (24) hours.
2. Seized vehicles shall be towed to the auto theft garage.

N/A E. Referrals

1. If a motor vehicle is operable, the community member will be advised to take it to the MVD office for inspection.
2. Automobile dealers will be referred to the MVD or may hire an off-duty VIN certified officer to complete the inspection through the Chief's Overtime Program.
3. Requests may be made through the Wrecker Services/Auto Theft Unit for free VIN inspections at (505) 823-4209.
 - a. A free VIN inspection is limited to residents of Bernalillo County only. Non-residents may go through the COT Program.



2-49 ~~INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES~~ IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN) INSPECTIONS

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

A. Related SOP(s)

- 1-16 Auto Theft Unit (Formerly 5-11)
- 2-48 Towing and Wrecker Services
- 3-20 Overtime, Compensatory Time, and Work Shift Designation

B. Form(s)

New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) Form 10861A
~~PD X Form Title~~

C. Other Resource(s)

NMSA 1978, § 66-3-507 Altered Vehicle Identification Numbers; Contraband
~~(Placeholder. For example, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Albuquerque and the Albuquerque Police Officers' Association)~~

D. Rescinded Special Order(s)

None

2-49-1 ~~_____~~ Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide ~~guidelines~~ requirements for Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) certified ~~officers~~ sworn personnel in completing inspections of motor vehicles.

~~2-49-2~~ ~~_____~~ Policy

It is the policy of the Albuquerque Police Department (Department) to establish procedures for Department personnel who ~~are assisting citizens~~ community members who wish to with registration of their vehicles with the New Mexico Motor Vehicles Division (MVD). It is also the policy of ~~The Department also to~~ provides trained and certified ~~officers~~ sworn personnel to complete VIN inspections in the identification of vehicles that have been stolen and have been altered from their original state.

N/A **2-49-3** ~~_____~~ Definitions

None

5 **2-49-4** ~~_____~~ Procedures

A. Training and Certification



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1. Sworn personnel who are VIN certified must be trained and have currently-issued VIN Investigator Credentials and shall be authorized to complete and sign the Affidavit of Vehicle Identification Number (NM MVD Form 10861A) to register vehicles in New Mexico.

~~Sworn personnel who are certified as a VIN investigator shall make~~

~~A. Officers Sworn personnel Authorized to Inspect Motor Vehicles shall:~~

~~1. Only those officers sworn personnel Be trained and have currently issued VIN Investigator Credentials and be are authorized to complete and sign the Affidavit of Vehicle Identification Number (NM MVD Form 10861A) to register vehicles in New Mexico; and~~

6 B. ~~Officers Sworn personnel making~~ inspections shall and will follow the established guidelines provided in training.

~~Other Inspections~~

~~1. Any currently certified VIN Investigator with credentials may perform motorcycle and watercraft inspections.~~

N/A B.C. ~~The Chief's Overtime Program~~ personnel shall maintain:

1. A list of ~~officers~~ sworn personnel authorized to inspect vehicles; and
2. All copies of VIN Inspection forms for a minimum of three (3) years. The officer shall also retain a copy of the form for three (3) years.

7 C.D. ~~Seized vehicles~~ Vehicles

1. When inspecting vehicles, ~~any vehicle seized~~ as authorized under per NMSA § 66-3-507, the on-call Auto Theft Unit ~~detective~~ Detective shall will be notified immediately, consistent with SOP Auto Theft Unit, and a copy of the Uniform Incident report Report shall be forwarded to the Auto Theft Unit detective-Detective within twenty-four (24) hours.

2. Seized vehicles shall will be towed to the ~~Auto-auto Theft theft Garage~~ garage.

N/A D.E. ~~Referrals~~

1. If a motor vehicle is operable, the ~~citizen~~ community member will be advised to take it to the ~~Motor Vehicle Division~~ MVD office for inspection.
2. Automobile dealers will be referred to the ~~Motor Vehicle Division~~ MVD or may hire an off-duty, VIN certified officer to complete the inspection through the Chief's Overtime Program.



3. Requests may be made ~~through~~ the Wrecker Services/Auto Theft ~~Garage~~ Unit for free VIN inspections at (505)-823-4209.

a. ~~This~~ free VIN inspection is limited to residents of Bernalillo County only. Non-residents ~~can~~ may go through the COT ~~program~~ Program.

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~~E. Inspection of Motorcycles~~

~~Any currently certified VIN Investigator with credentials may perform motorcycle inspections.~~

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~~F. Inspection of Watercraft~~

~~Any currently certified VIN Investigator with credentials may perform watercraft inspections.~~

