



2-50 CRASH SAFETY REVIEW BOARD

Related SOP(s), Form(s), Other Resource(s), and Rescinded Special Order(s):

A. Related SOP(s)

- 1-95 Traffic Section (Formerly 6-3)
- 2-6 Use of Emergency Warning Equipment
- 2-46 Response to Traffic Crashes
- 2-47 Crashes Involving Police Vehicles

B. Form(s)

PD X ~~Crash Report~~UCR

C. Other Resource(s)

- National Safety Council (NSC)
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
- NM Statute 66-7-209

D. Rescinded Special Order(s)

(Placeholder)

Related SOP(s):

2-50-1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to convene a ~~Safety~~Crash Review Board (CRB) to review and classify all police fleet vehicle crashes as preventable or non-preventable. All preventable crashes are reviewed for cause analysis to prevent similar types of crashes in the future. ~~provide guidelines for the Safety Review board which reviews all Department vehicle crashes.~~

2-50-2 Policy

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2-50-32 **Definitions**

A. Crash

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), a “crash” is defined as an unintended event resulting in injury or damage, involving one or more motor vehicles.

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B. Non-Crash

A crash that is caused by an intentional act is not a crash OR any unavoidable debris, under normal driving conditions, which strikes a vehicle likely to cause damage.

~~An intentional police action (PIT, Vehicle Blocking Maneuver, driving over a curb/median or strikes an object) causing damage to their city owned vehicle (damaged tire and/or rim or other minor damage) and while performing a police action (ie, pursuing a suspect). Sometimes damage may not be caused.~~

~~A.C.~~ Non-Preventable Crash

The Department driver exercised every reasonable precaution to prevent the crash, including making due allowances for road conditions, weather, traffic, and errors or negligence of others, and the driver observed applicable Department policies, procedures, and training, including the use of appropriate defensive driving tactics.

~~B.D.~~ Preventable Crash

The Department driver failed to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the crash, including making due allowances for road conditions, weather, traffic, errors and/or negligence of others, or the driver failed to observe applicable Department policies, procedures, or training, including the misuse of, or failure to use appropriate defensive driving tactics.

2-50-43 **Rules**

A. Appointments to the Crash Review Board



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1. The ~~Safety Review Board~~CRB will consist of ~~a Traffic~~eCommander (chairperson), Traffic Lieutenant, Traffic Sergeant, Traffic Officer, and one ~~Fleet Manager~~Operations Review personnel, who will review police vehicle crashes. The ~~Safety~~Crash Officer will serve as an ~~ex-~~officio member providing technical assistance to the Board, i.e., loss reduction and/or hazard elimination principles, and recognized practices and/or principles applicable to the crash review process.

2. Appointment will be made each calendar year, as follows:

- a. Traffic Commander (chairperson);
- b. Traffic Lieutenant;
- c. Traffic Sergeant; and
- d. Traffic Officer.

3. Permanent Appointment

- a. Risk Management Safety ~~Safety Crash~~ Officer
- b. ~~Fleet Manager~~Operations Review personnel

4. Advisory Personnel

- a. Internal Affairs Professional Standards (IAPS) Division (civilian employee)
- b. Traffic Administrative Assistant

B. Reviewing Police Vehicle Crashes

1. The ~~Board~~CRB, when reviewing police vehicle crashes, ~~shall~~will:

- a. Have the Traffic ~~Analyst~~Administrative Assistant notify the affected employee of appointment times for their crash review via a Department Memorandum, which will be posted on PowerDMS.
 - i. Attendance by the employee is voluntary, and no overtime is authorized.
 - ii. If the officer/employee does attend, only the affected officer/employee will be allowed to attend the CRB. No other outsiders will be allowed.
 - iii. If the employee does not wish to attend, the facts and information will be taken from the ~~crash report~~UCRUCR. Photographs and/or video may be used.
 - iv. If the ~~Board~~CRB determines it is necessary to speak with the affected employee to make a determination regarding the crash, ~~it the Board~~ will have the authority to compel the employee's attendance.



~~iv,v. If~~ When an officer/employee cannot appear at the scheduled CRB, due to court, calls-for-service, or scheduled training and/or vacation and the affected employee wants voluntarily to appear in front of the CRB, it will reschedule their crash for the next CRB meeting. This must be at the request of the affected officer/employee. Only one continuance will be allowed per crash.

- b. Utilize the National Safety Council (NSC) guidelines for classifying preventable and non-preventable crashes.
- c. Review each police fleet vehicle crash not resulting in a fatality or serious injury and make a determination of whether the crash was preventable or non-preventable, or a non-crash.
 - i. ~~The Board-CRB shall serve in an advisory capacity, having no disciplinary authority; the Chief of Police or his/her designee has the authority and responsibility to discipline subordinates.~~
 - ii. ~~Board-CRB~~ recommendations are limited to reducing the frequency, severity, and cost of fleet crashes.
 - iii. All recommendations shall be submitted to the Chief of Police. Recommendations of the ~~Safety Review Board~~ CRB are not subject to review or appeal by any other existing Department ~~b~~ Boards.
 - iv. The affected employee's Deputy Chief can override the CRB's findings.
 - v. Recommendations may include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Remedial or refresher training of the vehicle operator;
 - 2. Review and/or modification of Department driver training or tactics;
 - 3. Modification or re-evaluation of Department vehicle or equipment;
 - 4. Review or modification of Department policies or procedures; and
 - 5. Evaluation of employees for vision defects, stress-related problems, or other conditions affecting their fitness for duty.

~~Qualified Traffic Section personnel will investigate~~ When all an officer-involved crashes resultings in a fatality or serious injury, qualified Traffic Section personnel will investigate. The CRB will not review fatal or serious injury crashes, consistent with SOP Traffic Section.

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~~Upon completion of the investigation, the District Attorney's Office will render a decision concerning responsibility of the officer.~~

~~This decision will be provided to the Chief of Police in writing and will remain part of the case file.~~



~~2.3.~~ In the event of a conflict, the Chief of Police or his/her designee will have final authority to decide who will review the case.

C. Disciplinary Guidelines

1. The ~~Safety Review Board~~ CRB has no disciplinary authority; the Chief of Police or his/her designee has the authority and responsibility to discipline subordinates.

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~~Preventable crashes resulting in minor vehicle or property damage with no reported injuries (or no complaints of injuries) will be classified as class seven violations. All other preventable crashes will be classified as class six violations.~~ All preventable crashes will be classified as Class 6 sanctions. Progressive discipline will not be considered unless it is involving multiple crashes within a 12-month period of that previous preventable crash.

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a. Mitigating circumstances and/or aggravating circumstances will be considered by the Chief of Police or his/her designee when determining the amount of discipline to be imposed.

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3. ~~When~~ if an officer/employee damages no more than one tire and/or rim, whether intentional or accidental, and one spare tire can remedy the incident, this will not be considered a crash. The following shall take place:

a. The incident shall be documented in an incident report. The incident report must list the vehicle/unit number in the narrative and be forwarded to Operations Review within forty-eight (48) hours ~~3 calendar days~~.

b. The damaged tire/rim must be taken to the City of Albuquerque Fleet Management (Pino Yards), as soon as ~~practicable~~ possible but no more ~~less~~ than 5 calendar days, in order to get a replacement tire/rim.

~~2.c.~~ If any ~~other~~ additional damage is found by the City mechanic, and it can ~~m~~ be determined that the damage occurred from the same incident, then a ~~crash report~~ UCR must be generated and submitted through BlueTeam. ~~and t~~ This will then be reviewed by the CRB.

D. Photographs for the ~~Safety~~ Crash Review Board

1. Department p ~~Personnel~~ who want to have photographs available for the ~~Safety Review Board~~ CRB shall will contact the Traffic Lieutenant at least five days (5) in advance.



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2. Any photos ordered for the purpose of presentation to the ~~Safety Review Board~~CRB shall remain with the document files and may not be removed by the person involved.

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