



2-63 CRIME STOPPERS INVESTIGATIONS

Related SOP(s), Form(s), Other Resource(s), and Rescinded Special Order(s):

A. Related SOP(s)

~~X XX Policy Title~~None

B. Form(s)

~~PD X Form Title~~None

C. Other Resource(s)

~~(Placeholder. For example, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Albuquerque and the Albuquerque Police Officers' Association)~~None

D. Rescinded Special Order(s)

None

2-63-1 Purpose

The purpose of this ~~Unit policy~~ policy is to implement a program that prevents and reduces crime. ~~This is accomplished by forming a partnership between the community, law enforcement and the media, and by offering anonymity and cash rewards to anyone who provides information leading to an arrest in order to, thus making~~ the community a safer place for community members all who live or work in the region. Furthermore, the purpose of this policy, through the Albuquerque Metropolitan Crime Stoppers Program, is to encourage members of the community to assist local law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime by overcoming two (2) key elements that inhibit community involvement: which are, fear and apathy.

2-63-2 Policy

It is the policy of the Albuquerque Police Department (Department) to coordinate a Department-wide information system that safeguards the confidentiality of crime stoppers informants.

N/A 2-63-3 Definitions (if applicable)

~~A. The title of defined word or unit.~~

~~Describe terminology used.~~

~~B. The title of defined word or unit.~~



A. Describe terminology used: Informant

An individual who provides information on a suspected criminal activity. None

2-63-4 Procedures

~~2-63-4 Rules and Responsibilities or Procedures~~

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~~A. Separate Indexed Crime Stoppers Tip File~~

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~~Under no circumstances shall will an operational unit, detective, or officer maintain a separately indexed crime stoppers tip file intended for use as an intelligence repository.~~

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A. Sworn personnel shall:

1. Notify Crime Stoppers Unit personnel of the dispositions and/or findings of their investigation upon receiving crime stoppers tip information; and

2. If notified by a community member that they have information regarding a crime or a fugitive, tell the community member to contact Crime Stoppers Unit personnel with the information.

a. In order for the community member to be eligible for the Crime Stoppers reward, the community member must remain anonymous and all information must shall go through the Albuquerque Metropolitan Crime Stoppers Program.

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B. Sworn personnel shall not:

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1. Maintain a separately indexed crime stoppers tip file intended for use as an intelligence repository;

2. Incorporate crime stoppers tip information forms into any case file;

3. Advise community members who have already reported a crime to call Crime Stoppers Unit personnel to collect a reward;=

4. Make community members promises of any possible future rewards from the Albuquerque Metropolitan by Crime Stoppers Program for the information;=

5. Not be eligible to collect Crime Stoppers rewards.

a. Sworn personnel are prohibited from disseminating information they gathered in the course of their duties to any non-law enforcement personnel, which could result in a Crime Stoppers reward being paid.



~~Informant Anonymity~~

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~~7. Informants to the Crime Stoppers Program Unit personnel shall always maintain the anonymity of crime stoppers Informants.~~

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~~B.C.~~ Crime Stoppers Unit File

~~1. The Crime Stoppers Unit personnel shall will~~

~~a. Always maintain the anonymity of crime stoppers Informants;~~

~~b. Be responsible for documenting, disseminating, and forwarding information to the appropriate agencies and/or operational units for investigation;~~

~~B. Maintain~~

~~2. The Crime Stoppers Unit files, computer program information, log books, and tip information shall will be maintained by Crime Stoppers Unit personnel and are the as property of the Albuquerque Metropolitan Crime Stoppers Program;~~

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~~d. The Crime Stoppers Unit shall will forward copies of crime stoppers tip information forms to the suitable pertinent operational unit supervisor for their investigative evaluation.~~

~~4.2. The supervisor shall will use the following guidelines when then determining how the crimes stoppers tip information forms will shall be used utilized using the following guidelines:~~

~~Operational Use:~~

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~~i. All Crime Stoppers tip information forms shall will be put into operational use within two (2) weeks from the date of receipt by an operational unit sworn personnel.~~

~~ii. Crime stoppers tip information forms that have not been put into operational use within the two (2) weeks must be returned to the Crime Stoppers Unit.~~

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~~Intelligence Use:~~

~~b.~~

~~i. If a supervisor or another person sworn personnel receiving the information decides the information will shall not be used operationally, they shall return the crime stoppers tip form to the Crime Stoppers Unit.~~



~~5. Citizens Community members who are referred to Crime Stoppers are eligible for a reward and shall remain anonymous.~~

~~C. Notification of Tip Use to the Crime Stoppers Unit~~

~~Operational units, detectives, or officers other sworn personnel receiving Crime Stoppers information must notify the Crime Stoppers Unit of the dispositions and/or findings of their investigation.~~

~~D. Incorporating Tip Information into Case Files~~

~~The crime stoppers tip information form is not to be incorporated into any case file.~~

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~~E. Law Enforcement Sworn Personnel~~

~~1. Law Enforcement Sworn personnel shall not advise citizens community members who have already reported a crime to call Crime Stoppers to collect a reward.~~

~~2. If Law Enforcementsworn personnel are notified by a citizen community member that they have information regarding a crime or a fugitive, they can tell the citizen community members to contact Crime Stoppers with the information.~~

~~3. In order for the community member citizen to be eligible for the Crime Stoppers reward, the community member citizen must remain anonymous and all information must go through the Crime Stoppers program.~~

~~4. Sworn personnel shall not make Community members citizens should not be made promises of any possible future rewards by Crime Stoppers for the information.~~

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