2-64 ______ VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM (VIP) CUSTOM NOTIFICATION DELIVERIES

Related SOP(s), Form(s), Other Resource(s), and Rescinded Special Order(s):

A. Related SOP(s)
   None

B. Form(s)
   None

C. Other Resource(s)

   Violence Intervention Program (VIP)
   Violence Intervention Program (VIP) Demonstration Action – Call–In
   Violence Intervention Program (VIP) Handbook

D. Rescinded Special Order(s)
   None

2-64-1 ______ Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish requirements when making contact with candidates identified by Violence Intervention Program (VIP) personnel, and to establish requirements for the delivery of a personalized gun violence intervention message, which is intended to reduce the likelihood of the candidate becoming a victim or perpetrator of gun violence.

2-64-2 ______ Policy

It is the policy of the Albuquerque Police Department (Department) to promote positive relationships and interactions between Department personnel and members of the community that have been identified to be at the highest risk of becoming victims or perpetrators of gun violence. Department personnel assigned to the VIP shall promote these positive relationships and interactions; shall treat high-risk community members with dignity and respect; shall engage in public safety strategy development and relationship-building activities; and shall make relevant Department policy and operations information available to the community in a transparent manner.
relationships and interactions, by treating these high-risk community members with
dignity and respect. Department members will engage in public safety strategy
development with the communities most impacted by gun violence. Department
members will make relevant data, policy and operations information regarding VIP and
gun violence in Albuquerque, available to the community in a transparent and timely
manner. Department members will engage with the continuum of justice partners in
both the juvenile and adult justice systems to reduce gun violence through focused
derterrence strategies.

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information available to the community in a transparent manner.

2-64-3 Definitions

A. Focused Deterrence

Identifies individuals most likely to commit violent gun-involved crimes, offers them the
authentic opportunity to change their behavior before violence occurs, and intervenes
with severe prosecution if there is further violence.

Custom Notification (CN)

A Custom Notification (CN) is an organized delivery of the gun violence intervention
message to a high-risk individual, identified driver of violent crime, and or gang/group
member.

B. Group Gun Violence Intervention (GVI)

An intervention that GVI seeks to reduce violence quickly and dramatically by
influencing the behavior of groups or individuals identified to be drivers of gun
violence. The GVI framework establishes direct communication with identified groups
or individuals by a partnership of law enforcement, service providers, and community
members.

C. Gun Violence Information Sharing (GVIS)

A meeting that is held between Department personnel and public safety
partners, that focuses on shooting with injury reviews, identifying groups and
individuals that drive gun crimes, and intervention and enforcement strategies.

D. Influencer
An influencer is a person who has a strong, influential relationship with a victim or perpetrator of gun violence, including but not limited to a spouse, parent, grandparent, or guardian.

E. Violence Intervention Program Custom Notification (VIP CN) Delivery

An organized delivery of the gun violence intervention message to a high-risk individual, identified driver of violent crime, and or gang/group member. These encounters/interactions are consensual and can be terminated by the individual at any time during the delivery.

F. Violence Intervention Program (VIP) Law Enforcement Lead

_____ The Deputy Chief of the Investigative Bureau and/or their designee who is responsible for the law enforcement delivery of the VIP CN.

G. Violence Intervention Program (VIP) Program Manager

_____ The VIP Project Manager is primarily responsible for nurturing and maintaining the VIP partnership, coordinating among independent agencies and departments, and otherwise ensuring that the implementation goes smoothly by adding capacity where it is needed and engaging in collaborative problem solving.

2-64-4 Rules and Responsibilities or Procedures for VIP Custom Notification (VIP CN) Deliveries for Adults

A. To be identified as a VIP Custom Notification candidate, Department personnel working with the VIP will determine the candidate was:

1. A victim of a shooting;

2. An associate or influencer of an individual involved in a shooting;

3. A driver of gun violence;

4. A group member or individual identified during GVIS or shooting link analysis as connected to gun violence or potential gun violence; and

5. Referred from Department personnel, an outside law enforcement agency, the District Attorney’s Office, or from outreach, faith- or community-based coalition team members.

B. Preparation for a Custom Notification VIP CN Delivery
1. When a VIP Custom Notification CN candidate is identified, the VIP Law Enforcement Lead will:

   a. Ensure a threat assessment and background check is completed on the candidate;

   b. The VIP Law Enforcement Lead shall draft a personalized VIP letter, when applicable or warranted, advising of the penalties specific to that candidate, if they choose to be involved in a violent crime;

   c. The VIP Law Enforcement Lead shall coordinate the law enforcement personnel who will deliver the VIP CN;

   d. The VIP Law Enforcement Lead shall ensure that the identified law enforcement personnel delivering the VIP CN will coordinate with the social services component of VIP for a collaborative VIP CN delivery.

C. Delivery of the Custom Notification VIP CN

1. Department personnel assigned to the VIP CN delivery will:

   a. Advise the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) of the location of the VIP CN, the members of the VIP team delivering the VIP CN, and the identity of the VIP candidate;

   b. Department personnel will contact the VIP candidate, present the VIP letter, and deliver the GVI message;

   c. Department personnel will remain on-scene to ensure the social services component of VIP successfully delivers their message and resources, if feasible; and

   d. Immediately leave the property/residence, terminating the consensual encounter if the VIP candidate refuses to communicate with department personnel or asks department personnel to leave the property/residence, regardless if the VIP CN successfully was delivered or not, department personnel shall immediately leave the property/residence, terminating the consensual encounter.

2. Department personnel may present the VIP letter, and deliver the GVI message to a family member, influencer, or associate of the VIP candidate, if warranted.

4. If the VIP candidate refuses to communicate with department personnel or asks department personnel to leave the property/residence, regardless if the VIP CN
has been successfully delivered or not, department personnel shall immediately
leave the property/residence, terminating the consensual encounter.

D. After-Action for a Custom Notification VIP CN Delivery

1. Department personnel shall advise the ECC of the outcome of the VIP CN
delivery, and the results shall be noted in the Computer-Aided Dispatch
(CAD) report.

2. The VIP Law Enforcement Lead shall ensure the VIP CN delivery is recorded in
the VIP record management database.

2-64-5 Procedures for VIP Custom Notification CN Deliveries for Juveniles

A. To be identified as a VIP Custom Notification CN candidate who is a juvenile
seventeen (17) years of age or younger, Department personnel working with VIP
personnel shall determine the candidate was:

1. A victim of a shooting;

2. Is an associate of an individual involved in a shooting;

3. Is a driver of gun violence;

4. A group member or individual identified during GVIS or shooting link analysis as
connected to gun violence or potential gun violence; and

5. Referred from Department personnel, an outside law enforcement agency, the
District Attorney’s Office; or from outreach, or faith- or community-based
coalition team members.

B. Preparation for a Custom Notification VIP CN Delivery

1. When a VIP Custom Notification CN candidate who is a juvenile is identified, the
VIP Law Enforcement Lead shall:

   a. Ensure a threat assessment and background check is completed on the
candidate;

   b. Contact the Juvenile Probation Office (JPO) to determine whether the juvenile is on
probation and consider whether the delivery of a VIP Custom Notification CN shall be delivered. This is
determined as based on the status of services to juveniles and status of the
probation officer’s relationship with the juvenile;
c. If it is determined that a VIP custom notification CN shall be delivered, The VIP Law Enforcement Lead shall draft a personalized VIP letter, when applicable or warranted, advising the penalties specific to that candidate, if they choose to be involved in a violent crime.

d. The VIP Law Enforcement Lead shall Coordinate the law enforcement personnel who will deliver the VIP CN.

e. The VIP Law Enforcement Lead shall Ensure that the identified law enforcement personnel delivering the VIP CN will coordinate with the social services component of VIP for a collaborative VIP CN delivery; and

f. The VIP Law Enforcement Lead shall Attempt to make contact with the juvenile’s parent or guardian prior to the VIP CN being delivered, and, if feasible or available, have the parent or guardian present during the VIP CN delivery. I never deliver a VIP custom notification CN to a juvenile without their parent or guardian present.

C. Delivery of the Custom Notification VIP CN

1. Department personnel assigned to the VIP CN delivery will:

   a. Advise the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) of the location of the VIP CN, the members of the VIP team delivering the VIP CN, and the identity of the VIP candidate;

   b. Contact the VIP candidate, present the VIP letter, and deliver the GVI message; and

   c. Remain on-scene to ensure the social services component of VIP successfully delivers their message and resources, if feasible.

2. Department personnel may present the VIP letter, and deliver the GVI message to a family member, influencer, or associate of the VIP candidate, if warranted.

D. After-Action for a Custom Notification VIP CN Delivery

1. Department personnel will advise the ECC of the outcome of the VIP CN delivery, and the results will be noted in the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) report.

2. The VIP Law Enforcement Lead will ensure the VIP CN delivery is recorded in the VIP record management database.
A. Command-level personnel are encouraged to deliver VIP CN’s; however, any sworn personnel may deliver a VIP CN as long as the following requirements have been met:

1. The officer has attended a Department-recognized training or workshop on custom notifications; and

2. The officer has accompanied the VIP Law Enforcement Lead on a VIP CN delivery.