VALLEY AREA COMMAND
COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL
RECOMMENDATION

DATE SUBMITTED: ____________ Seven (7) business days after submission
RECEIPT DUE ____________ Twenty (20) business days after submission
APD RESPONSE DUE: ____________ Sixty (60) business days after submission

RATIONAL:
As one effort in promoting better relations between citizens and the police, we believe that citizens should have an understanding of what to do when they encounter police. The attachment provides information on a variety of such situations and describes the recommended behaviors that citizens should display.

RECOMMENDATION:
As a way to inform the public on how to lawfully deal with police in a variety of situations, the North Valley Community Policing Council recommends that the information from the attachment entitled “Encounters with the Police” be included in the New Mexico MVD Driver Handbook. Additionally the written drivers’ test should include questions from this information. We ask the APD to submit our recommendation to the New Mexico Motor Vehicle Department.
Valley Community Policing Council

Re: Encounters with the Police Brochure

Dear Valley Community Policing Council:

Thank you for your recommendation requesting that the “What should I do if I am stopped by a police officer” brochure information be included in the driver education handbook.

This would be very useful to the citizens of Albuquerque and a great addition to the driver education programs. I did reach out 2 years ago to the New Mexico Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Bureau and to the New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division to request that this be added to their driver education programs and I have also have sent follow up requests but I have not received a response. I will get your recommendation submitted on your behalf.

Your recommendations are greatly appreciated and we thank you for your contributions to our community.

Sincerely,

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