

CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE

Northwest Area Command

COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL

RECOM MEND ATION

TITLE: **APD Show Cars (Resubmission)**

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RATIONALE:

This Recommendation was previously submitted. This resubmission is filed under the Keller administration for confirmation .

The Albuquerque Police Department is in possession of at least two former police patrol vehicles, a 1963 Ford Galaxy and a 1976 Plymouth Fury. These vehicles could be used as a very effective recruiting tool and also provide a resource to promote and facilitate engagement with the community. Albuquerque has a substantial "car cult ure" and is frequently host to a variety of car shows. Often the police department interactions with members of this culture are punitive or unfavorable. If the APD patrol vehicles were restored and maintained, they could

be featured as displays at events, allowing favorable interactions between the department and the public.

These cars, and current patrol vehicles, could be featured at events such as:

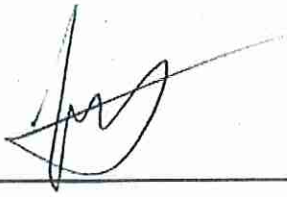
- New Mexico State Fair
- Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta
- Shop & Stroll at Nob Hill
- Parades (4th of July, Twinkle Light, etc)
- New Mexico International Auto Show
- Miscellaneous car shows and car events

There are a number of classic car restoration businesses in Albuquerque who might be encouraged to support efforts to properly restore the police vehicles to be displayed. It is common to post information boards about the specifics of vehicles at car events. Such signage could include the name and information of businesses involved in the restoration and maintenance of the former patrol vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend that the department commit to a program of restoring the former patrol vehicles, a 1963 Ford Galaxy and a 1976 Plymouth Fury, seeking assistance from civilian businesses when possible. We further recommend that the department dedicate such resources as necessary to transport said vehicles to and from car events, such as car trailers that could be towed by department vehicles. We also recommend that the department form a group of dedicated department members who will maintain those vehicles and be present to represent the department at events whenever possible.

Respectfully Submitted by:



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