

*CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE*

**Northwest Area Command**

**COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**TITLE:** Bicycle Evidence Disposition (Resubmission)

**DATE SUBMITTED:** 03/14/2018

**APD RESPONSE DUE:** 04/11/2018 Twenty (20) business days after submission

**FINAL DISPOSITION:** 06/07/2018 Sixty (60) business days after submission

**RATIONALE:**

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

Every year APO takes dozens to hundreds of bicycles into evidence. Many of those bicycles go unclaimed or otherwise cannot be returned to their rightful owner. Such property is currently released to an auction company for potential re-sale. Bicycles are difficult to transport and do not raise money. It is likely auction companies will eventually refuse to take bicycles as they do not result in sufficient return on investment. Any bicycles not returned to the owner or taken by an auction company must be destroyed by the Evidence Unit.

The Esperanza Community Bike Program, a non-retail community bike shop operated by the City of Albuquerque's Parks and Recreation Department, has expressed interest in receiving unwanted bicycles, components, and parts for use in the community.

Allowing the Albuquerque Police Department to release unclaimed bicycles to the Esperanza Community Bike Program would directly benefit the community. It would clear valuable storage space without waiting for a scheduled auction pickup. It would also mean the Evidence Unit would not have to destroy useful items.

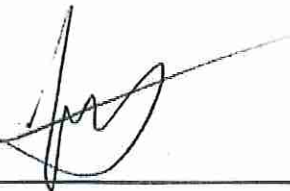
Bicycles are currently stored outdoors without protection from the environment. This results in rusting metal and dry-rotting rubber, reducing the value and usefulness of the bicycles. A storage unit or other enclosure would provide protection while bicycles are in Evidence custody.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

We recommend the City of Albuquerque allow the APO Evidence Unit to release unclaimed or unreturnable bicycles, components, and parts to the Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department for use in the Esperanza Community Bike Program.

We further recommend that APO allocate such funds as are reasonable and necessary to acquire and maintain an enclosure sufficient to protect bicycles maintained in custody of the Evidence Unit.

Respectfully Submitted by:



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