



ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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SOP 2-113

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## 2-113 CUSTOM NOTIFICATION GUN BUY-BACK (CNGBB) PROGRAM

### Related SOP(s), Form(s), Other Resource(s), and Rescinded Special Order(s):

A. Related SOP(s)

[2-64 Violence Intervention Program \(VIP\) Custom Notification Deliveries](#)

B. Form(s)

[PD 1311 Custom Notification Gun Buy-Back Receipt](#)

C. Other Resource(s)

Violence Intervention Program (VIP) Handbook

D. Rescinded Special Order(s)

None

### 2-113-1 Purpose

The purpose of the Custom Notification Gun Buy-Back (CNGBB) Program is to improve community safety by systematically offering the victims of self-inflicted gunshot wounds the opportunity to receive firearms safety classes and to exchange their firearms with the Department for compensation.

### 2-113-2 Policy

It is the policy of the Albuquerque Police Department to promote positive relationships and interactions between Department personnel and members of the community who have been identified as people who are victims of self-inflicted gunshot wounds. Furthermore, it is the policy of the Department for personnel assigned to the Violence Intervention Program (VIP) to offer the CNGBB Program or firearm safety information or classes to the victims of self-inflicted gunshot wounds to learn proper firearm safety and decrease the likelihood that a similar incident would recur.

N/A

### 2-113-3 Definitions

A. Custom Notification Gun Buy-Back (CNGBB) Program

A program that allows the Department the ability to purchase a gun a victim has used in a self-inflicted gunshot wound incident with gift cards from local and national retailers for a predetermined amount.

B. Gun Violence Information Sharing (GVIS)



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

C. National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)

A program run by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) that automates ballistics evaluations and provides actionable investigative leads in a timely manner.

D. Violence Intervention Program Custom Notification (VIP CN)

A structured delivery of the gun violence intervention message to a high-risk individual, identified driver of a violent crime, and/or gang or group member.

E. 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.

**7** 2-113-4      **Procedures for a Customer Notification Gun Buy-Back**

A. To be identified as a CNGBB candidate, Department personnel assigned to deliver a VIP CN shall determine the candidate was:

1. A victim of a self-inflicted gunshot wound; and
2. The firearm that was used in the incident continues to be in the Department's custody.

B. Preparation for a CNGBB

1. When a CNGBB candidate has been identified, Department personnel assigned to deliver a VIP CN shall ensure that a threat assessment and background check are completed on the candidate.
2. The officer assigned to deliver a VIP CN shall request for Criminalistics Investigations personnel to determine whether the firearm that is in the Department's custody is not stolen and no investigative leads exist in the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN).
  - a. If the firearm is stolen or has an investigative lead in NIBIN, the officer assigned to deliver a VIP CN shall confirm that the candidate is ineligible for the CNGBB Program and notify the appropriate investigative unit.
3. The VIP Law Enforcement Lead shall draft a personalized VIP letter, when applicable or warranted, with information on gun safety, a receipt that will be used



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for the specific CNGBB Program, and compensation in the pre-determined amount, consistent with SOP Violence Intervention Program (VIP) Custom Notification Deliveries.

**7 2-113-5 Delivery of Custom Notification Gun Buy-Backs and Firearm Safety**

- A. To deliver the VIP CN, Department personnel shall contact the VIP candidate, present the VIP letter, deliver the Gun Violence Information (GVI) message, and confirm that the victim was indeed a victim of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.
- B. If the VIP candidate is a victim of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, the officer who delivered the VIP CN shall advise them that the Department can offer:
  1. Gun safety literature, gun safety classes, or a gun locking device; or
  2. To purchase the firearm in the Department's custody in exchange for compensation for the following firearms:
    - a. Revolvers and long guns for \$100.00;
    - b. Semi-automatic handguns for \$200.00;
    - c. Semi-automatic rifles for \$250.00; or
    - d. Another amount, as approved by the VIP Law Enforcement Lead.
- C. If the VIP candidate wishes to exchange their firearm for compensation, the officer who delivered the VIP CN shall:
  1. Fill out the Custom Notification Gun Buy-Back Receipt;
  2. Give the candidate a copy of the receipt; and
  3. Give the candidate the appropriate amount of compensation based on the type of firearm involved.

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- D. At no time shall a Department member of the VIP CN team offer to exchange compensation for additional firearms or accept additional firearms during the delivery of a VIP CN. However, if another gun buy-back program is available, the VIP CN officer may inform the candidate of that option.
    1. VIP sworn personnel shall advise the candidate to contact a VIP CN member at a later date if they have additional firearms that they would like to exchange for compensation.

**N/A 2-113-6 Disposition of Firearms in the CNGBB Program**

- A. If the VIP candidate wishes to retain their firearm, the Department will return it.



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- B. If the VIP candidate wishes to take advantage of the CNGBB Program, VIP personnel will notify Property Unit personnel of the disposition of the firearm in question.
1. The Department will destroy the firearm in accordance with Department Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).