



ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PROCEDURAL ORDERS

SOP 2-49

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## 2-49 INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

### 2-49-1 Rules

#### A. Officers Authorized to Inspect Motor Vehicles

- [5] 1. Only those officers trained and issued VIN Investigator Credentials are authorized to complete and sign the Affidavit of Vehicle Identification Number (NM MVD Form 10861A) to register vehicles in New Mexico.
- [6] a. Officers making inspections will follow established guidelines, per training.  
[N/A] b. The Chiefs Overtime Program will maintain:  
i. A list of officers authorized to inspect vehicles.  
ii. All copies of VIN Inspection forms for a minimum of 3 years.
- [7] c. When inspecting vehicles, any vehicle seized per NMSA 66-3-507, the on-call Auto Theft Unit detective will be notified immediately, and a copy of the report shall be forwarded to the Auto Theft detective within 24 hours.

#### [N/A] B. Referrals

1. If a motor vehicle is operable, the citizen will be advised to take it to the Motor Vehicle Division office for inspection.
2. Automobile dealers will be referred to the Motor Vehicle Division or may hire an off-duty officer authorized to do the inspection through the Chief's Overtime Program.

#### [6] C. Inspection of Motorcycles

Motorcycle inspections may be performed by any currently certified VIN Investigator.

#### [6] D. Inspection of Watercraft

Watercraft inspections may be performed by any currently certified VIN Investigator.