1-50 GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION UNIT

Related SOP(s), Form(s), Other Resource(s), and Rescinded Special Order(s):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
2-72 Procedures for Serious Crimes Call-Outs (Formerly 2-28 and 2-91)

B. Form(s)

PD 3109 Risk Assessment Matrix Packet

C. Other Resource(s)

Gun Violence Reduction Unit (GVRU) Handbook

D. Rescinded Special Order(s)

None

1-50-1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Gun Violence Reduction Unit (GVRU) assigned to the Investigative Services Division (ISD) and to outline the training requirements for GVRU sworn personnel.

1-50-2 Policy

It is the policy of the Albuquerque Police Department (Department) for GVRU sworn personnel to be responsible for the investigation of crimes related to aggravated batteries involving a firearm with a bullet-to-skin contact. It is also the policy of the Department for GVRU sworn personnel to conduct a thorough investigation to successfully identify, locate, and apprehend individuals suspected of committing a crime and to seek to reduce gun violence.

N/A

1-50-3 Definitions

A. Life-threatening Injury

Any injury that involves serious physical harm that may result in significant or permanent disfigurement or the loss of a major bodily organ or function, including, but not limited to, the loss of a limb, paralysis, or the loss of eyesight that may necessitate medical or surgical intervention to prevent permanent impairment; that could potentially cause a significant reduction in the quality of life; or that has the likelihood of causing death.

B. Serious Crime Call-Out

A serious crime call-out is generated when an individual sustains a life-threatening injury.

7 **1-50-4 Rules and Responsibilities**

A. Investigations

1. GVRU sworn personnel shall:

   a. Investigate all aggravated batteries involving a firearm with bullet-to-skin contact, except for:
      i. Homicides;
      ii. Shootings completed in the commission of a robbery; and
      iii. Shootings involving domestic violence;
   b. Investigate accidental shootings that have suspicious circumstances or when a second individual accidentally shoots the victim;
   c. Conduct investigations to successfully apprehend individuals who engage in gun violence. These individuals are identified as drivers of gun violence in the City of Albuquerque through open-source information, data gathered by the Department, and law enforcement databases. Investigations shall be determined by:
      i. Self-initiated investigations;
      ii. Surveillance;
      iii. The use of Confidential Informants;
      iv. Department units; and
      v. Outside agencies.
   d. Work closely with the District Attorney's (DA) Office to assist with investigations of individuals suspected of committing a crime as identified by the DA's Special Agents; and

N/A

   e. Confer with Violence Intervention Program (VIP) personnel on investigations regarding individuals who may benefit from a VIP Custom Notification (VIP CN), consistent with SOP Violence Intervention Program (VIP) Custom Notification Deliveries (refer to SOP Violence Intervention Program (VIP) Custom Notification Deliveries for sanction classifications and additional duties).

2. GVRU sworn personnel shall prioritize investigations based on:

   a. Injuries;
   b. Criminal history;
   c. The propensity for violence;
   d. Gang affiliation; and
   e. Referrals that come from the DA's office.

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3. GVRU sworn personnel shall be prohibited from providing tactical responses to critical situations requiring a specialized tactical unit.

a. When GVRU sworn personnel must execute a pre-planned search warrant, they shall complete the Risk Assessment Matrix Packet.

4. GVRU sworn personnel shall be on-call for:

a. Any call-outs related to aggravated batteries involving a firearm with bullet-to-skin contact; and

N/A

b. Serious crime call-outs as outlined in SOP Procedures for Serious Crime Call-Outs (refer to SOP Procedures for Serious Crime Call-Outs for sanction classifications and additional duties).

7 **1-50-5 Training**

A. The immediate supervisor for any sworn personnel in GVRU shall ensure that they:

1. Complete new employee orientation within thirty (30) days of transferring into GVRU;

2. Complete required training, as deemed necessary by the GVRU supervisor and consistent with the Gun Violence Reduction Unit (GVRU) Handbook; and

3. Complete and maintain all specialized training as deemed necessary by the ISD Commander.