RENO POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER

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General Order Title: LOST OR STOLEN LICENSE PLATES		

POLICY

This policy has been established for the reporting of **stolen** license plates by citizens. **Lost** license plates do not require a police report.

PROCEDURES

Lost License Plates

It is the responsibility of the employee to ascertain that the license plates have in fact been lost and not stolen. In the event that the employee is unable to make such a determination, a report will be taken. If it is determined that the license plates have in fact been lost, and not stolen, the employee will refer the complainant to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Stolen License Plates

If the employee ascertains that the license plates have in fact been stolen, the employee will complete a crime report. The employee will then advise the complainant of the case number and refer them to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Stolen license plates will be entered into NCIC. If only one plate was stolen, the employee will confiscate the remaining plate and place it in the DMV box located in the Evidence/Property room prior to entering the plate number into NCIC.

Recovered Stolen License Plates

Recovered stolen license plates, with RPD as the originating agency, require a supplement report. Recovered plates with an outside originating agency require an original report. If the plate(s) were entered on NCIC, the reporting employee will complete the report as soon as possible, have it approved by a supervisor, and turn it into the records section for removal from NCIC. The plates will be booked into evidence.

Found License Plates

Found license plates that have not been reported stolen do not require a report and will be placed into the DMV box, located in the evidence/property room.