



Abilene Police Department Operating Procedures

Subject:

Individually Assigned Police Vehicles

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Guidelines

Police vehicles may be assigned to police personnel for both on and off duty use. Specific regulations governing the off duty use of Individually Assigned Police Vehicles (IAPVs) will be established by unit commanders, as approved by the Chief of Police; general guidelines for operating such vehicles are outlined in this section.

- A. Officers are responsible for the care and maintenance of their vehicles, both interior and exterior.
- B. Officers are not permitted to make any mechanical or electrical alterations or additions to any vehicle unless they have written approval from the Chief of Police and the Equipment Services Division.

Off Duty Enforcement

- A. Off duty officers in civilian attire should not enforce traffic laws unless the violator presents an immediate hazard to other drivers.
- B. In minor cases encountered while off duty, the officer may summon an on duty unit to handle the call. If immediate action is necessary, the officer will handle the situation until the arrival of an on duty police unit.

Alcohol in IAPVs

Police vehicles will not be used by off duty officers or passengers who intend to consume or who have consumed alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages will not be transported in the vehicle unless they have been confiscated by an officer as evidence or some other law enforcement purpose.

Part-Time Employment Use of IAPVs

Officers will not use the IAPVs on a part-time job as part of the employment; however, the vehicle may be driven to and from a part-time job.

Travel outside the City of Abilene

Off duty employees will not take their IAPV outside the Abilene city limits unless authorized by the employee's commander.