

CLIO AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT POLICY

USE OF DEPARTMENT UTILITY VEHICLES

Department vehicles shall be used only for Department and/or Fire Service business, unless the Chief has granted prior approval. All Department Policies, rules, regulations, Standard Operating Procedures, local, state, and federal laws shall be followed when operating a vehicle.

CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE

A vehicle is assigned for the use of the Chief of the Department.

The vehicle:

1. May be used by the Chief 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
2. Shall be used in the conduct of normal Department and/or Fire Service business.
3. May be parked/stored at either a CAFD station, at a residence and/or place of business to provide immediate response to alarms, emergencies or other Fire Service business.
4. May be used by another Chief Officer when the Chief is on vacation, or in other situations as may be deemed appropriate by either the Chief or Fire Authority.
5. May be taken out of the fire district for response to Mutual Aid, trainings, meetings, and other events as deemed appropriate.
6. Shall be maintained as all other Department vehicles. It is the responsibility of the Chief to assure the vehicle is maintained within the appropriate requirements of time & schedule for the particular type of vehicle.

OTHER CHIEF OFFICER/UTILITY VEHICLE

Other Utility Vehicles may be assigned for use by “other” Chief Officers and/or used for the following:

1. Chief of the Department shall utilize another chief officer/utility vehicle in the event his current vehicle is unavailable or unusable for any reason.
2. “Other” Chief Officer on Duty – The “other” Chief Officer on Duty shall have priority (after the Chief of the Department) use of the vehicle/s. During the Duty time (24 hours per day), the vehicle may be parked/stored at either a CAFD station, at a residence and/or place of business to provide immediate response to alarms, emergencies or other Fire Service business.
3. May be taken out of the fire district for response to Mutual Aid, trainings, meetings, and other events as deemed appropriate.

4. **Transportation for Training or other Fire Service functions – If the Chief Officer on Duty is not using the vehicle, the vehicle may be used for transporting Department members to training, other Department related functions, and other Fire Service functions. Prior approval shall be received from a chief officer before the vehicle is used. If, during the use of the vehicle, an alarm is sounded for the CAFD, the vehicle is not to be driven in the emergency mode (lights and sirens in use) until within the CAFD Fire District.**
5. **Shall be maintained as all other Department vehicles. It is the responsibility of the Department Maintenance Officer to assure the vehicle is maintained within the appropriate requirements of time & schedule for the particular type of vehicle.**