

# VEHICLE USE FOR EMERGENCY DISPATCH



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**APPLICATION:** All Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Employees, Fire Districts, and Casual Hires. Additionally, IMT members assigned to a DNR incident are subject to these terms.

**OBJECTIVE:** This guideline provides direction on privately owned vehicle (POV) use by department employees, Fire District resources, Casual Hires, and IMT members. The agency head or immediate supervisor, may authorize the use of a (POV) in the conduct of official state business when it is more advantageous or economical to the state that a state driver travel by a POV rather than a common carrier or a state-owned or lease motor vehicle. When these employees travel to/from an emergency incident, the following guidance applies:

## **GUIDANCE:**

- DNR employees and Fire District employees will use their respective agency vehicles when available.
- POV's ***may not*** be used for fire line functions or transporting to fire line. Fire District employees and Casual Hires must utilize the Region 6 Blanket Policy Rental Agreement (BPA) instead of using a POV. See DEFINITIONS section below.
- Anyone who anticipates the need for fire line vehicles (rentals) are required to procure vehicle prior to mobilization using the Region 6 Blanket Policy Rental Agreement (BPA): <https://sites.google.com/site/r6incidentvehiclebpa/>
- Employees who choose to travel in an RV/Trailer for the purpose of personal comfort will not be reimbursed for mileage to and from the incident\*
  - \*If resource has non line position and an agency vehicle is not available POV use is authorized with reimbursement for mileage only to exclude RV/Trailer

Reimbursement for the use of a POV on official state business is to be at the private vehicle mileage reimbursement rate specified on the U.S. General Services Administration website at: [www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov)

## **DEFINITIONS**

The **Region 6 Enterprise Incident BPA** is intended for use on incidents where the vehicle is anticipated to be traveling OFF ROAD and a 4x4 pickup or SUV is needed. The vehicle must be rented under the BPA for the terms and conditions of the BPA to apply.

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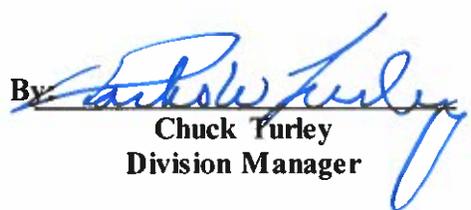
## **BACKGROUND**

With the state having the ability to use the Region 6 Blanket Policy Rental Agreement (BPA) it provides access to rental vehicles that are capable of off-road use for all risk incident operations.

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## **SEE ALSO**

SAAM 10.50.20.a

RCW Chapters 46.29 and 46.30