





## Policies & Procedures

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- B. For vehicles left at the County Yard Facility outside regular work hours, place a work order on the dashboard.





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#### General Vehicle Use:

- A. Department personnel shall comply with all traffic laws and regulations while operating a County owned or issued vehicle.
- B. Department personnel shall operate the vehicle in a professional manner so as not to bring discredit or embarrassment to the Department.
- C. All personnel must wear a seat belt and/or shoulder harness at all times while occupying a Department vehicle.
- D. Equipment will not be added or altered on any County owned vehicle without the express written permission of the District Chief or County Fire Chief.
- E. Whenever personnel are on leave for more than five (5) consecutive working days, the department issued vehicle needs to be parked at the issuing station or at the County Yard Facility.
- F. Use of any type of tobacco products (i.e. cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, etc.) in Department or County owned vehicles are strictly prohibited.

#### Vehicle Operations:

Personnel responding to emergency incidents will exercise safety for all persons and property. When responding to an emergency incident, personnel are under a duty to act in accordance with section 66-7-6 of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA 1978). This section places drivers of emergency vehicles under a duty to operate emergency vehicles with due regard for the safety of all persons, and does not protect the driver from consequences resulting from reckless disregard for the safety of others.