

**SPOKANE VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**Board of Fire Commissioners**  
**Policy for Department Owned Vehicles #029**

**Purpose:**

It is the policy of the Spokane Valley Fire Commissioners that department owned vehicles meet the requirements contained within this Board adopted policy, Department S/O 206, 415, RCW 46.08.065 and all applicable sub chapters.

**Authority:**

SVFD Department Policy S&O 206, 415  
RCW 46.08.065

**Policy:**

1. In order to adequately provide emergency response capabilities to the citizens that SVFD serves, the board of commissioners recognizes the importance of a safe, modern vehicle fleet for both emergency and non-emergency use.
2. The Board of Commissioners will strive to provide the necessary resource support to assure the vehicle fleet meets the needs for safe, effective response and use within fiscal constraints.
3. The Board delegates the responsibility for specific departmental policy development and enforcement, to the SVFD Fire Chief regarding the use and maintenance of SVFD owned vehicles.
4. The board recognizes the need for take home vehicle use as approved by the Fire Chief and in accordance with the requirements of current collective bargaining agreements if contained therein.
5. SVFD staff vehicles assigned for take home use shall have the approval of the Fire Chief and be available for after-hours response within a 30 driving mile radius of the SVFD administration building. The vehicles shall be used only for the business of the Spokane Valley Fire Department.
6. Markings of SVFD vehicles shall be consistent with RCW 46.08.065 and SVFD S/O 415 (Apparatus Markings and Display). All Spokane Valley Fire Department vehicles will be marked with the department logo and shall comply with RCW 46.08.065. Members having position responsibilities for general undercover *and/or* confidential investigations (Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chiefs, Fire Marshal, Fire Investigators) may, with approval from the Fire Chief utilize rent, or lease vehicle(s) for general undercover or confidential investigative purposes for a term less than 90 days, subsection 3 of RCW 46.08.065.

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Spokane Valley Board of Fire Commissioners

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