

VEHICLE UTILIZATION/UNDERUTILIZATION

TSD has issued requirements that agencies operate state fleet vehicles on an on-going basis to ensure that the vehicle's battery remains functional and that the tires do not develop rot from not moving.

TSD has issued brand new vehicles to agencies that have not been utilized and in some cases have not traveled very far. As a result of this inactivity these vehicles need a boost or in more extreme cases are requiring that we replace the battery. In the event we have to replace the battery because the vehicle has not moved, TSD will charge back the cost of the battery to the agency. In extreme cases, the vehicle will be re-assigned to another agency that is dire need of another vehicle.

CORONA UPDATES

While a mask is no longer required to ride in a state vehicle, TSD asks that we respect each other's rights to use a mask if so desired.

In the event an employee who operates a TSD short-term vehicle tests positive for COVID, we need to be informed so that the vehicle can be dis-infected. Agencies need to adopt the same procedure in order to keep each other protected and safe.

GPS SPEEDING VIOLATIONS

TSD is issuing vehicle abuse/complaints on state vehicles that are exceeding posted speed limits as they are captured on GPS reports. Our state rule 1.5.3.14 NMAC requires that we obey all state laws including operating state vehicles at or below the posted speed limits. The rule also indicates in 1.5.3.15(f) that accumulating three or more of the same violations within the same year will lead to driver suspensions. We ask that you please pay attention to your driving habits. For your information, TSD has conducted GPS verifications and has only identified one case in which the GPS reported the speed two miles lower than what indicated on the vehicle's speedometer.

VANDALIZATION

Unfortunately, TSD is experiencing a large number of vandalism. Catalytic converters are a common target since they are quite heavy and reap a large payoff for the culprits. We need to re-evaluate parking situations and determine if we need to initiate other measures to best protect our interests. Just so you know, we have a \$5000 deductible so the majority of these incidents have to be covered by either TSD or the agency. Things get even uglier when the same vehicle is continuously hit for the same part. If this is occurring, we need to make changes and explore the best alternative to securing the vehicle.

MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

It is illegal to drive a vehicle while under the influence of cannabis. In the State of New Mexico, it is unlawful for an adult to drive a vehicle, who is under the influence of alcohol with an alcohol concentration of .08 or higher and/or any drug to a degree that renders the person incapable of safely driving. Cannabis has measurable physiological effects that impair drivers including delayed or decreased reaction time, decreased short-term memory, poor hand-eye coordination, lack of concentration, and a decreased perception of time and distance. A DWI conviction can have both civil and financial consequences. New Mexico drunk driving criminal court cases can result in punishment

that includes jail time, fines, mandatory DWI educational programs, ignition interlock devices, and more. A DWI conviction may result in a driver's license suspension from 90 days to one year or more.