

STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

USE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES FOR POLICE WORK
SUBJECT

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FROM: CHIEF ERIC JONES

TO: ALL PERSONNEL

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I. POLICY

It is recognized that in police work there are certain phases of work that require covert operation. Therefore, within the guidelines of this procedure, police personnel may use their personal vehicles for police work.

II. GENERAL RESTRICTIONS AND USE

A. Private vehicles:

1. Must be mechanically in good working order.
2. Must be a standard vehicle with normal paint.
 - a. Unique and expensive vehicles, will not be used unless absolutely necessary and only upon approval from the Department Head.
3. Are not police emergency vehicles and will not be operated in violation of any traffic laws.
4. If involved in an auto accident, an accident investigation will be conducted in the same manner as a regular city vehicle involved in an accident.
5. Use and city insurance coverage will only extend from the time the personal vehicle leaves the police facility until it returns to the police facility. Mileage will be computed at the prevailing rate.
6. Reimbursement for mileage will be through the Chief's Office.

III. PROCEDURE

- A. Personal vehicles should only be used in relation to surveillance or when working undercover in an area where a regular unmarked vehicle would be recognizable and detrimental to the operation.
- B. Approval to use a privately-owned vehicle must be obtained from the officer's Division or Section Commander or, if after business hours, the Watch Commander.
 1. Advance notice of the need and approval from the officer's Section or Division Commander familiar with the operation will be the rule whenever possible.
- C. An employee requesting to use a personal vehicle on police business must complete an authorization form. Forms will be available at the Chief's Office and Field Operations Division. This form must be completed and turned in to the Chief's Office or Watch Commander prior to using a personal vehicle.