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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 08 -1995

Government Vehicles

1. Section I. Authority

This Executive Order is issued under the authority of Article IV, Section 6, of the Revised Constitution of American Samoa.

2. Section II. Order

It is ordered that -

- * all government-owned vehicles, except those listed in Section III paragraph 3 hereunder - shall be turned into the Motor Pool at the close of each working day.
- * vehicles registered under agencies located in the Tafuna area and westward, shall be checked into the Motor Pool (M & O Compound) in Tafuna. Those belonging to agencies in the Bay Area shall be checked into the Motor Pool in Utulei.
- * while in the Motor Pool, the vehicles shall be under the care of the Motor Pool Manager and staff until they are picked up in the morning of the following working day by authorized staff of the "owner-agencies".
- * the governor, upon receipt of an application from a director, may authorize an agency to keep its vehicles after hours in a safe area within its compound. Under such arrangement, the agency concerned shall be held responsible for the safety of the vehicles. Application for such an arrangement shall be made to Office of the Governor.

3. Section III. Exceptions

The following vehicles are exempted:

- a. ambulances
- b. police patrol cars
- c. school buses
- d. ASPA vehicles

The following officers are allowed to take home vehicles assigned to them:

- a. Commissioner of Public Safety
- b. Chief of Police
- c. Chief Fire Officer
- d. Director of TEMCO

It should be noted that this "privilege" is granted to these officers because of the need for them to respond immediately to EMERGENCIES that can mean life or death. These officers shall be held responsible for the care and safety of the vehicles assigned to them. The vehicles shall be used strictly for official purposes.

4. Section IV. Other Exemptions

Any director who wishes to exempt a vehicle or vehicles registered under his/her agency from this rule, may apply in writing to the governor and give justification for the exemption.

5. Section V. One Night Use

There are times when an agency needs to use a vehicle or vehicles on an official assignment after hours for one night only. In such a situation, the director shall apply to the Governor for approval on a one time basis. Such approval shall be sought no later than four hours before the vehicle is needed.

6. Section VI. Office Hour Usage

Every government-owned vehicle (excepting those assigned to the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Chief of Police, the Chief Fire Officer, and the Director of TEMCO) shall not be used exclusively by any one officer during working hours. Instead, it shall be made available for the use of the staff as a whole for official purposes only. Each agency shall as a whole for official purposes only. Each agency shall

institute a system of its own to regulate the use of its vehicles so to adequately meet its transportation needs.

7. Section VII. Government-owned Vehicles are not for Personal Use

No government employee shall use government-owned vehicles for personal use at any time, nor transporting people other than employees of your own department agency.

8. Section VIII. Director's Responsibility

It shall be the responsibility of every director to see that this order is executed properly within his/her own department/agency, and that every employee abides by it at all times.

9. Section IX. License Plates

All government vehicles shall carry appropriate government license plates. Red plates have been discontinued and all license plates must be in white with numbers and identification in black colors.

10. Section X. Official Driver's License

Every operator of government owned vehicles shall be required to possess an official driver's license issued by the Office of Motor Vehicles. It shall be the responsibility of each director to name those from his/her staff to be issued with official driver's licenses.

11. Section XI. Enforcement

The Department of Public Safety is designated to be the enforcement agency of this order.

This order supersedes all previous orders.


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