# VEHICLE & AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS

# Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to assure all accidents involving state owned, leased or rented equipment are reported properly and in a timely manner. Areas covered include:

- Introduction and General Information
- Procedures for Vehicles
  - 1. What to do in case of an accident and when should an accident be reported
  - 2. What forms are used and for what type of vehicles
  - 3. Where to Submit Forms Forms Matrix
  - 4. Personal Vehicle use for State Business
- Procedures for Aircraft
  - 1. What to do in case of an accident
  - 2. PPM 2662
  - 3. PPM 2664

# **Introduction and General Information**

The Department of Administration, Division of Risk Management, is charged with the administration of insurance claims and development of claims reporting procedures. Employees requiring information or assistance should contact Risk Management at (907) 465-2180 or the Division of Forestry Procurement Specialist at (907) 269-8461.

All accidents or incidents which create a possible claim against the State of Alaska must be reported promptly by the employee citing: date, time, location, names of those involved, and witnesses. Include any other information that is available. The report should be reviewed, approved, and signed by the Area or Regional Forester.

There is a difference between "Automobile Liability Coverage" and automobile Physical Damage (Collision) Coverage. The State of Alaska is "Self-Insured" and does not provide "Automobile Physical Coverage" for State-owned vehicles. This means that Risk Management does not pay for the repairs of a damaged State-owned vehicle resulting from any cause including an accident. The repairs of a State-owned vehicle are the responsibility of the Department/Division to which the vehicle is assigned, and are handled by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) according to their established procedures. Risk Management would only cover a State-owned vehicle if the damage occurred while contained inside an insured building. The vehicle then becomes insured contents. The coverage is only for the peril of fire and has a \$1,000.00 deductible, which is paid by the agency. The State of Alaska does provide "Automobile Liability Coverage" which would cover a non-state or private vehicle involved in an accident with a State vehicle.

DOT&PF is responsible for normal wear and tear on state-owned vehicles, but agencies may be responsible for repair of damage due to other than normal wear and tear.

Major claim notices should have a completed Supervisor's Accident Investigation Report attached. These reports are used to identify hazardous conditions or practices, and will aid in preventing future accidents.

Passengers not engaged in State business are not to be allowed as passengers in State vehicles. Non-state business passengers in your personal vehicle are not covered by the State.

All State employees are cautioned to <u>never</u> accept liability, nor make any statements alluding to guilt, nor furnish information on accidents to unauthorized persons. Obtain names and addresses of witnesses on all potential liability claims.

# **Procedures for Vehicles**

1. What to do in case of an accident, and when an accident should be reported as follows:

- Any State-owned, leased or rented vehicle that is involved in an accident shall be reported.
- If a vehicle accident involves bodily injury, or if the damage exceeds \$2,000.00, AS 28.35.080 (a) requires that the accident is reported to the local police department or to the Alaska State Troopers. The employee's immediate supervisor will be notified as well as Risk Management at (907) 465-2180.
- If there are no bodily injuries and the damage is less than \$2,000.00, AS 28.35.080 (b) requires that the driver of the vehicle make a report to the Division of Motor Vehicles, within 10 days, using Form #12-209 State of Alaska Motor Vehicle Accident Report (Form #12-209 can be picked-up at any law enforcement agency). The employee's immediate supervisor will be notified.
- 2. What forms are used and for what type of vehicles
  - State-owned Vehicles
  - Leased Vehicles
  - Short-term Rental Vehicles
  - Emergency Equipment Rentals
  - Personal Vehicle Use

# **State-owned Vehicles**

If a State-owned vehicle is involved in an accident, the State employee (the driver) must fill out the following forms:

- Police Report (over \$2,000.00 damage or bodily injury)
   Or State of Alaska Vehicle Accident Report Form #12-209 if law enforcement officer is not present (under \$2,000.00 damage and no bodily injury). The report must be filed within 10 days with the local police department or State Troopers
- 2. Liability Accident Notice Form #02-919 (3/83)

- 3. Supervisor's Accident Investigation Report Form #02-932 filled out by an immediate supervisor
- 4. Certification of Insurance Form #12-466 (1/85). List owner as State of Alaska
- 5. If damaged equipment is a total loss, a Lost-Stolen-Damaged Form #02-627 must be used

# Leased Vehicles

A leased vehicle would be defined as a vehicle with a long term lease from a dealer in lieu of a State–owned vehicle. The State of Alaska does not provide Collision Coverage for State-leased vehicles. The repairs of State-leased vehicles are the responsibility of the Department/Division assigned the vehicle.

If a leased vehicle is involved in an accident, the State employee must fill out the following forms:

- Police Report (over \$2,000.00 damage or bodily injury)
   Or State of Alaska Vehicle Accident Report Form #12-209 if law enforcement officer is not present (under \$2,000.00 damage and no bodily injury). The report must be filed within 10 days with the local police department or State Troopers
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# Short-term Rental Vehicles

A short term rental is usually defined as an auto rental of 14 days or less, but in the case of suppression activities, may frequently be of a longer duration. This most often consists of a standard auto rental from a national auto-rental company. For insurance purposes, there are two distinct classifications of auto rentals:

- 1. A mandatory contract exists for rental vehicles in the cities of Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau with Budget. The contract specifies that the vendor will be responsible for both the physical damage and liability coverage (subject to their policy limits) for the rental vehicles.
- 2. All other auto rentals either in-state or out-of-state are covered under the State self-insurance plan.

If a rental vehicle is involved in an accident, the State employee must fill out the following forms:

- Police Report (over \$2,000.00 damage or bodily injury)
   Or State of Alaska Vehicle Accident Report Form #12-209 if law enforcement officer is not present (under \$2,000.00 damage and no bodily injury), the report must be filed within 10 days to the local police department or State Troopers
- 2. Liability Accident Notice Form #02-919 (3/83)
- 3. Supervisor's Accident Investigation Report Form #02-932 filled out by an immediate supervisor
- 4. Any accident report required by the rental agency.

5. For out-of-state please follow applicable state guidelines.

# **Emergency Equipment Rentals**

It is important to be cognizant of the type of agreement in place with the vendor for the particular piece of equipment. If a vehicle rented **with contractor-provided operator** sustains damage, document the damage on:

• Vehicle/Heavy Equipment Inspection Checklist #OF-296 (or a separate piece of paper). The contractor may file a claim for the damage, but unless the State was in some way negligent, it will be denied. Claims may be adjudicated on the incident if it is expedient to do so and the dollar amount involved is not significant. Otherwise these claims are handled by the Regional FMO.

If a vehicle rented **without contractor-provided operator** sustains damage while in the State's custody, and the contractor wishes to file a claim, document the damage on:

• Vehicle/Heavy Equipment Inspection Checklist #OF-296 (or a separate piece of paper). Include all pertinent information. Claims may be adjudicated on the incident if it is expedient to do so and the dollar amount involved is not significant, otherwise, these claims are handled by the Regional FMO.

The contractor should obtain three quotes for repair unless the damage is so minor as to be adjudicated on the incident.

The Regional FMO, in conjunction with Northern Adjusters as necessary, will adjudicate the claim if it is not already done at the incident. If approved, the Fiscal Section in Juneau will be notified to issue a warrant, or the amount agreed upon can be added to the Equipment Use Invoice. If denied, the claimant will be notified, with the next appeal step being the State Forester.

The claimant will be given 30 days to appeal.

## 3. Where to Submit Forms

All accidents or incidents involving State-owned, leased or rented equipment, must be reported to:

- 1. Immediate supervisor
- 2. Regional Forester or Fire Management Officer (FMO)

All applicable forms will be routed through: (staff is only responsible for assuring the appropriate forms are forwarded to the Regional Administrative Assistants)

## **Regional Administrative Assistants**

- Northern Region Karen Gordon State of Alaska/Dept. of Natural Resources/Div. of Forestry 3700 Airport Way Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-4699
- Coastal Region Darlene Langill State of Alaska/Dept. of Natural Resources/Div. of Forestry 101 Airport Rd. Palmer, Alaska 99645

Copies to:

- State of Alaska/Dept. of Natural Resources/Div. of Forestry 550 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite # 1450 Anchorage, Alaska 99501 Attn: Procurement Specialist (907) 269-8461
- Department of Natural Resources/Division of Administrative Services/Property Officer 550 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite #1230 Anchorage, Alaska 99501-1361 Attn: Debbie Denny (907) 269-8665 (907) 269-8909 fax
- State of Alaska/Risk Management P.O. Box 110218 Juneau, Alaska 99811-0218 (907) 465-2180

4. Northern Adjusters, Inc. 1401 Rudakof Circle Anchorage, Alaska 99508 Phone: (907) 338-7484 (907) 338-6364 fax -Or-44539 Sterling Hwy, Suite 205 Soldotna, Alaska 99669 (907) 262-4468 -Or-3517 Rewak Drive Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-4913 (907) 479-2294

4. Personal Vehicle Use for State Business

<u>Liability</u> - Alaska Statute requires all drivers to have auto liability insurance and establishes minimum amounts of coverage. Anyone using his or her personal vehicle on State business must have liability insurance.

In the event of an accident, your personal liability insurance will cover damages and medical expenses to another party up to the maximum amount of your liability coverage.

The State of Alaska will cover any liability exposure in excess of your own liability coverage, except in certain areas indicating improper performance as determined by the Attorney General's Office (e.g., driving while intoxicated).

Most insurance companies include incidental business use of a personal vehicle in their standard policy. Considerable or frequent business use may require an endorsement to your policy. Consult your insurance company for more information.

<u>Collision</u> - Your own collision insurance, if any, covers damage to your own vehicle while on State business. The State does not insure any physical damage to your vehicle while on State business. If another party is at fault you may be able to recover your damages through legal action brought by yourself or your insurance company on your behalf. The State of Alaska will not participate in any legal action brought on your behalf to receive damages as a result of an accident involving your personal vehicle while on State business.

<u>Worker's Compensation</u> - Any injury resulting in lost work time or medical expenses to a driver or other State employees riding as passengers while on official State business, will be handled as routine worker's compensation claim.

<u>Notification of Claims or Accidents</u> - You are required by State law to notify the Department of Public Safety for any accident involving personal injury or damage totaling \$2000 or more. In addition to this, if you have an auto accident while on State business, you are required to complete a Liability Accident Notice (02-919), and forward it to the Area/Region office.

<u>Passengers</u> - Non-state business passengers in your personal vehicle are not covered by the State in any way.

## Aviation

1. What to do in case of an accident:

Any injury sustained by the public, a state employee, or property damage involving a State owned, leased or operated aircraft will be reported immediately to:

Aviation Manager Division of Forestry 101 Airport Road Palmer, AK 99645 Phone: (907) 761-6271 Fax: (907) 761-6227

2. PPM 2662 SAFECOM Reports:

SAFECOM reports should be used to report any condition, observance, act, maintenance problem, or circumstances, which has potential to cause an aviation-related mishap. The DOF has placed an electronic SAFECOM report on the DOF internal aviation web site. Although any SAFECOM format will be accepted, it is highly recommended and requested by the State Aviation Manager that the electronic version be completed and sent to him as soon as possible. The electronic version allows for clear legible translation of what occurred, and should help to expedite the process of sharing information, which may require a prompt response from the Division. Aviation Policies and Procedures will be strictly adhered to and shall comply with NTSB 830.

3. PPM 2664 Aircraft Emergency Action Plan Requirements:

A copy of the Aircraft Emergency Action Plan is on location at each Area office. This document spells out the required steps for DOF personnel to take during various aircraft emergencies. Each Emergency Action Plan shall have procedures for at least the following situations:

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STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION Division of Risk Management PO Box 110218 Juneau AK 99811-0218 Phone (907) 465-2180

## LIABILITY ACCIDENT NOTICE

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## STATE OF ALASKA

# SUPERVISOR'S ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

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# STATE OF ALASKA - DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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Insurance Verification: If the motor vehicle liability insurance policy listed above was not in effect for the motor vehicle listed at the time of the crash indicated above, the insurance company is to complete the following and return this form to the Division of Motor Vehicles at the address listed below. If indicated coverage was in effect at the time of the crash, no action is required.

#### **REASON FOR DENIAL:**

<ul><li>Policy Expired Before Crash</li><li>Policy Effective After Crash</li></ul>	0	Policy Number Given is Incorrect Driver Not Covered on Policy	0	Lapse in Policy Other
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#### MANDATORY INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY NOTICE

If the actual or estimated damages of any one person's property involved in the crash exceeds \$501.00, or if there is any personal injury or death, you are subject to the Alaska mandatory insurance and financial responsibility laws. The mandatory insurance laws require you to file proof of insurance with the State of Alaska. Failure to do so will result in the suspension of your driver's license.

The financial responsibility laws require a person to show financial responsibility by one of the following methods: (1) an automobile liability insurance policy in effect at the time of the crash; (2) a release of liability; (3) a settlement agreement and proof of future financial responsibility (SR22 insurance); (4) a deposit of security and proof of future financial responsibility (SR22 insurance); (5) a finding of no liability by the court in a civil action (a finding of not guilty of a traffic citation does not apply). Failure to show financial responsibility by one of the listed methods will also result in the suspension of your driver's license for a period of 3 years if there is a possibility you are liable.

After any suspension you must show future financial responsibility (SR22 insurance), and pay a reinstatement fee of \$100.00 to \$250.00, in addition to the fee for the license you are requesting, to have your driving privileges restored. A notice of suspension returned by the post office because of an incorrect address will not invalidate the suspension if the notice was mailed to the last address you provided the driver's license office.

IMPORTANT: THE FORM ABOVE MUST BE FILLED IN AND SENT TO THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN 10 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE CRASH. A participant's accident report is also required if the crash was not investigated by a peace officer, and the total amount of damage exceeds \$501.00, or there was personal injury.

Mail Completed Form To:

STATE OF ALASKA DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES ATTN: DRIVER LICENSING 2760 Sherwood Lane, Suite B. Juneau AK 99801

JDL@admin.state.ak.us

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