



ACT Rural Fire Service
Standard Operating Procedure 1.14
Command Vehicle Use

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Purpose

This procedure describes the use of Brigade command vehicles by the ACT Rural Fire Service personnel.

Operating Procedure.

GENERAL

During RFS operations the command vehicle is used by officers for command and control activities, observing fire behaviour, support to operations, and evaluating suppression effectiveness. This vehicle is essential for brigade officers assigned to bushfire fighting operations. Members should refer to SOP 1.5 Proper use of RFS Property and Resources for further details of appropriate use of Command Vehicles.

CARRYING CAPABILITY

The command vehicle may be used to replenish supplies of drinking water, minor food needs, foam, hoses, and other equipment and personnel associated with the activity. When transporting people, the vehicle is not to carry any more people than there are seat belts fitted to the vehicle.

MANAGEMENT OF USE

The management of the Brigade command vehicle is a Brigade responsibility. Each Brigade Executive Committee is responsible for developing its own Brigade arrangements for non-incident use. These arrangements are not to in any way contradict either this or any existing or future ACT Rural Fire Service SOP.

GARAGING

Home garaging of brigade vehicles is restricted to approved operational readiness requirements only. Home garaging for such readiness requirements must be approved by the Manager, Operations for long-term arrangements, or the RFS Duty Officer (RFS DO) for short term convenience requirements. At all other times brigade vehicles are to be garaged at the brigade station, or a location approved by the Manager, Operations

For times of High bush fire danger and above, approval is given to take the command vehicle to the rostered brigade officer's work place, provided there is agreement with the rostered brigade officer's employer for that to occur, and the officer is available for immediate response if requested.



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For times of high fire danger and above, outside of work time, approval is given for the rostered brigade officer to home garage the brigade command vehicle, provided it is within reasonable distance of the brigade station and is available for immediate response

Maintained By: Manager, Operations

Approved By: Andrew Stark

Position: Chief Officer RFS

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Signature:

Date: 15/02/2011

Cross Reference SOP/s: SOP 1.5 Proper use of RFS property and resources

Amendments: