

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT

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GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 062 – 23

To: Directors and Agency Heads

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: ASG Vehicles Driven by Those Not Possessing Licenses

Many ASG employees have government vehicles entrusted to them for their official use. It is the responsibility of these employees to protect, conserve, and properly operate government vehicles according to the laws, regulations, and Executive Orders established regarding the use of these vehicles.

A.S.A.C. § 4.0707 requires that a government vehicle not be issued to any ASG employee who does not have a valid government official driving permit while operating the government vehicle. A.S.A.C. §§ 22.0201 and 22.0211 provides that no person may operate any motor vehicle without a valid driver's license or driving privilege card issued by the Commissioner, any employee driving a government vehicle must have both a valid driver's license and a valid government official driving permit with them when operating a government vehicle.

Under Executive Order (E.O.) 009-2021, the Road Marshals are charged with the implementing, monitoring, and enforcing compliant use of government vehicles. In addition to the procedures laid out in E.O. 009-2021, the Road Marshals are now instructed to take charge and possession of government vehicles being operated without a valid driver's license and a valid ASG official driving permit unless it is required for further processing by the Department of Public Safety.

Government vehicles, secured by a Road Marshal, will be logged and an incident report will be forwarded to the Chief of Staff. The Director or Agency head responsible for the vehicle must meet with the Chief of Staff regarding the incident in order for the secured vehicle to be released.

We all share the responsibility to protect and conserve all government property. Being good stewards of the vehicles entrusted to us includes using them in compliance with the laws and regulation of American Samoa.

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Governor