

Texas A&M AgriLife Research Procedures

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PROCEDURE STATEMENT

The Texas A&M University System (System) operates a System-wide self-insured plan for vehicles. Texas A&M AgriLife Research (AgriLife Research) is required to pay the first \$1,000 of any claim against it where the operator of a System or AgriLife Research vehicle is determined to be at fault. Any such claim will be the responsibility of the unit whose inventory contains the vehicle.

REASON FOR PROCEDURE

This procedure provides guidelines to help reduce risk of loss and associated costs of operating state-owned vehicles.

PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1.0 DRIVER'S LICENSE AND VEHICLE OPERATION

1.1 In accordance with System guidelines, drivers of System or AgriLife Research vehicles must be at least 18 years of age, and if operating a state-owned vehicle on public roads or highways, must:

- A. Possess or obtain the appropriate classified driver's or commercial driver's license.

To drive a commercial motor vehicle, the person must have, in their immediate possession, a valid Commercial Driver's License appropriate for the class of vehicle being driven. Employees whose duties require the operation of the AgriLife Research vehicles as part of the conditions for employment with AgriLife Research, must obtain the required license. This can be a State of Texas license or a valid license issued by another state. Payment for such licenses cannot be made from state appropriated or other public funds, and is the responsibility of the individual.

- B. Have obtained permission from the proper supervisor to operate the vehicle.
- C. Drive with maximum safety and observe all current traffic regulations.
- D. Vehicle accidents should be reported to supervisors

2.0 USE OF VEHICLES BY NON-EMPLOYEES

2.1 Under the System-wide self-insured plan, non-employees are not authorized to operate AgriLife Research Vehicles. Exceptions may be allowed only if the non-employee operating the vehicle is covered for liability for the operation of the vehicle by another governmental agency or private employer, in which case that entity may assume responsibility.

2.2 If it is deemed necessary for a non-employee to operate a motor vehicle to carry out the mission of the

agency, units should consider state car rental contracts.

RELATED STATUTES, POLICIES, OR REQUIREMENTS

[System Policy 24.01](#), *Risk Management*

[System Regulation 24.01.01](#), *Supplemental Risk Management Standards*

CONTACT OFFICE

Questions concerning this procedure may be directed to the AgriLife Fleet Management Office at 979-845-6805.