

DEPARTMENT: Fire Protection

BY: Jim Wilson, Fire Chief
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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Grant the Fire Chief discretion to temporarily house excess fire apparatus in the pattern outlined in the attachment until a long-term fire and fleet plan can be proposed and approved. Stations to be affected are 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, and 36.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Chapter 14.03 of Title 14 Mariposa County Fleet Services Policy requires Board of Supervisor authorization to "take vehicles home." Previous Boards have designated the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Fire Investigator, North Division Chief, and Duty Battalion Chief as positions that are permitted to take County-owned staff vehicles home.

In past practice and usually with individual Board member consent, due to a lack of engine bays, certain station officers have been permitted to stage a piece of equipment at their homes. However, following a record search, staff has not been able to identify a time when the full Board has given such authorization.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If excess fire apparatus are parked outside many of our fire stations they will be exposed to high visibility and potential security issues risking high value equipment to theft and/or vandalism.

Financial Impact? () Yes (x) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ _____	List Attachments, number pages consecutively	
Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____	_____	
Source:	_____	
Internal Transfer _____	Pattern outline	
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote	of Side Fire Apparatus & Storage Form	
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote	chap. 14.3 County Code	
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote	_____	
() General () Other	_____	

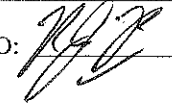
CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 07-244 Ord. No. _____
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
 Absent: _____
 Approved
 Minute Order Attached No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
 Date: _____
 Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
 County of Mariposa, State of California
 By: _____
 Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
 Comments: _____

CAO: 

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Fire Apparatus Parking

PROBLEM: With four fire stations there are not sufficient engine bays to accommodate the apparatus assigned to each fire company. In addition, with the delivery of new patrol vehicles, additional parking issues will arise at several other stations.

BACKGROUND: Chapter 14.03 of Title 14; Mariposa County Fleet Services Policy requires Board of Supervisor authorization to "take vehicles home." Previous Boards have designated the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Fire Investigator, North Division Chief, and Duty Battalion Chief as positions that are permitted to take County-owned staff vehicles home.

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Those stations currently are:

Company 21-Midpines: Patrol 21 is housed with the Station Captain and Water Tender 21 is parked at member Paul Lockwood's house.

Company 24-Don Pedro: With the addition of new Water Tender 31-Greeley Hill, the current tender will remain on the north side. There is no room at Station 26-Coulterville so it will move to Don Pedro, under the open canopy. That move leaves no room for Patrol 24. It should move to the Station Captain's home.

Company 26-Coulterville: Rescue 26 is housed at member Steve and Debbie Cook's home near the Black Oak Market.

Company 36-Hunters Valley: Patrol 36 is currently housed with the Station Captain.

Stations that will experience future parking shortage with the delivery of new patrols:

Company 25-Airport: Station 25 has one inside bay (E-25) and one covered, outside space (E-225).

Company 27-Mormon Bar: Station 27 has two inside bays (E-27 and E-28) and one outside, covered space (WT-27).

Company 29-Lushmeadows: Station 29 has three inside bays (E-29, E-229, WT-29).

SOLUTION: In most cases, parking apparatus outside of a fire station represents a security problem for both the apparatus and the equipment stored on that vehicle. In addition, local community service can be enhanced by having a response vehicle strategically staged at a member's home. At the Fire Chief's discretion:

1. Grant authorization for Captain 21 (Midpines) to continue with Patrol 21 at home.

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2. Grant authorization for Water Tender 21 to remain at member Paul Lockwood's home.
3. Grant authorization for Captain 24 to house Patrol 24 at home.
4. Grant authorization for Rescue 26 to be housed at the Cook's home near the Black Oak Market.
5. Grant authorization for Patrol 36 to remain at the Station Captain's home.
6. Engine 225 was recently red-tagged and removed from service. Engine 25 will move under the outside cover and new Patrol 25 will be parked inside.
7. Grant authorization to move E-28 to the Airport inside the security gate for storage and/or reserve use pending completion of the Bridgeport/Guadalupe Valley Station. This will open a bay for new Patrol 27.
8. Grant authorization to park Engine 229 at the Jerseydale Fire Station (US Forest Service) pending Board approval for a proposed satellite Lushmeadows County fire station to service the Mariposa Pines community. Moving E-229 to Jerseydale will open an inside bay for new Patrol 29.

REQUEST: Grant the Fire Chief discretion to temporarily house excess fire apparatus in the above pattern until a long-term fire and fleet plan can be proposed and approved. Stations to be affected are 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, and 36. A completed acknowledgement form, as attached, will be kept on file as long as the apparatus is parked at a member's home. The CAO and County Counsel have reviewed this process and have no objections.

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Off Site Fire Apparatus Parking and Storage

Date: **Apparatus Identifier:** **Fleet Identifier:**

Name: **Company:**

Location Address:

1. County vehicles shall only be used in conjunction with County business as per Mariposa County Code; Chapter 2.76; County-owned motor vehicles (Ord. 981 Sec. I, 2002).
2. At no time will County vehicle be used for personal business.
3. County vehicle must be maintained response-ready at all times.
4. County vehicle must be accessible for emergency response to all members at all times.
5. County vehicle must be available for all Fire Department training sessions.
6. County vehicle must be available for routine fleet maintenance and service.

I have read and understand the above conditions and agree to comply.

Member Signature

Fire Chief or Designee

CHAPTER 14.03

USE OF VEHICLES

Sections:

14.03.010 Policy.

14.03.020 Fleet vehicles taken home.

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Fleet vehicles are rented to departments on a daily or short-term basis and to various departments for long-term use. All departments shall maximize the use of fleet vehicles operated by fleet services in order to minimize the transportation costs to the county. In addition, fleet vehicles will be assigned to departments where they will receive optimal use. (Ord. 981 Sec.I, 2002).

14.03.020 Fleet vehicles taken home.

The board of supervisors shall determine those positions which are authorized to take vehicles home as described in the Mariposa County code chapter 2.76, county-owned motor vehicles. (Ord. 981 Sec.I, 2002).