

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT

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To:

Secretary of Samoan Affairs, CEOs, Presidents and Executive Directors of

Authorities, Directors, Agency and Office Heads

From:

Acting Governor of American Samoa

Subject:

Government Vehicle Use

The people of American Samoa rely on us to use our government vehicles responsibly. A great deal of money has been put into the purchase of vehicles, and their use and maintenance are a significant part of government spending. It is important to think twice about your use of ASG vehicles.

Executive Order (EO) 009-2021 consolidated past General Memorandums and EOs on vehicle use. However, enforcement has been inconsistent – it will be made a priority of the new administration. You are encouraged to review the order to ensure you are following the rules.

In addition to rules already put in place by EO 009-2021, it is this Administration's policy that ASG employees shall not use government vehicles to commute to and from work. Vehicles need to be left at work or other appropriate locations, unless your government obligations require that you start the next business day at a location other than your normal worksite. Vehicles to which this directive does not apply are identified in EO 009-2021 Section 5 (c) (1-5). This new policy regarding the use of vehicles for commuting takes effect on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 and remains in place until further notice.

Failure to comply with these rules not only wastes money, if caught misusing vehicles, it may have an impact on your career. Misuse of vehicles constitutes misconduct on or off the job under A.S.C.A. § 7.0801. EO 009-2021 Section 8.

Compliance with vehicle rules might be inconvenient or difficult. However, it is critical that we rein in non-essential vehicle use to limit spending.

Acting Governor