



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY™

Operating Policy and Procedure

OP 80.08: Collisions Involving University Vehicles

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this Operating Policy/Procedure (OP) is to establish procedures to be followed in the event of a collision involving a vehicle owned, rented, leased by, or loaned to the university.

REVIEW: This OP will be reviewed in May of even-numbered years by the Texas Tech University System managing director of Risk Management and the managing director of Physical Plant with recommended revisions forwarded through channels to the Texas Tech University System senior vice chancellor/chief financial officer by June 15.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

1. The Texas Tech University System Office of Risk Management (TTUSORM) is responsible for receiving and processing reports for all motor vehicle collision claims. All collisions must be reported to your supervisor immediately.

2. On-campus Occurrences

If the collision occurs on campus, the Texas Tech Police will be notified. It is the responsibility of the department to which the university vehicle is assigned to complete an *Auto Collision Information Form* (Attachment A) and forward it immediately to the TTUSORM. It is also the responsibility of the department to which the vehicle is assigned to obtain a copy of the police report from Texas Tech Police and forward it as soon as possible to TTUSORM. TTUSORM will then forward copies of the complete collision report package to the university's insurance company and the Vehicle Fleet Management Office. Should the collision not be the fault of the university driver, the TTUSORM will attempt to collect for damages to university property.

3. Off-campus Occurrences

Should a collision occur off-campus, either in or out of the state of Texas, it should be investigated by the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction. It is the driver's responsibility to notify TTUSORM immediately and provide that office a copy of the written collision report as soon as possible. The department must also complete an *Auto Collision Information Form* (Attachment A) and forward it to TTUSORM. TTUSORM will then forward copies of the complete report package to the university's insurance company and the Vehicle Fleet Management office. Should the collision not be the fault of the university driver, TTUSORM will attempt to collect for damages to university property.

4. All Occurrences

Notify the Texas Tech University System Office of Risk Management of any occurrence immediately. Further, the Vehicle Fleet Management office also requires an investigation of the

collision by the completion of the *Vehicle Accident Investigation* (Attachment B) and *Vehicle Collision Witness Statement* (Attachment C). These forms will be completed and forwarded to TTUSORM, MS/Box 42003, within three working days after the collision occurred. TTUSORM will send copies to the Vehicle Fleet Management office (TTU-Physical Plant, MS/Box 43142) within two working days following receipt of the reports.

Vehicles damaged will be repaired, replaced, or disposed of within 120 days of the incident. Any expenses incurred to repair the vehicle should be recorded in the state of Texas *Vehicle Use Report* for the applicable month and forwarded to the Vehicle Fleet Management office no later than the fifth day of the next month. Refer to OP 80.07 for additional reporting guidance.

The department head is responsible for conducting an evaluation of the driver involved in the accident to determine if there is reasonable suspicion to conduct post-accident alcohol/drug testing. If reasonable suspicion does exist, the employee must take a breath alcohol test within two hours of the accident and produce a urine sample for drug testing within 32 hours of the accident. Refer to OP 70.35 for additional information.

University personnel found to be negligent in the use of a university vehicle are subject to administrative action and possible suspension of driver authorization.

[*Attachment A: Auto Collision Information Form*](#)

[*Attachment B: Vehicle Accident Investigation*](#)

[*Attachment C: Vehicle Collision Witness Statement*](#)