

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Date

June 21, 2023

To: Victoria Shah, Secretary to the Board of Police Commissioners (Through Channels)

Subject: **REPORT ON “TAKE-HOME” VEHICLES (UPDATED)**

From: Commander Michael A. Parish, Chief of Staff

INTRODUCTION

This memorandum is in response to your request on behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners for the following:

The number of vehicles used in a take-home capacity.

Please accept this memorandum as our response to your inquiry.

BACKGROUND

Certain assignments within the Department require the ability to immediately respond to a particular scene or event. Examples of such assignments include, but are not limited to, the Special Response Team (SRT), Homicide Section, Commercial Auto Theft, Professional Standards Bureau, and PEER Support. This strategy has aided the Department in apprehending offenders, identifying witnesses, securing evidence, memorializing witness testimony, and responding to high-risk or dangerous situations. This strategy has also reduced the personnel needs of a number of units because the practice facilitates response while not requiring the unit to maintain 24/7 operations.

To facilitate immediate response, personnel working in these assignments are authorized to use city vehicles in a “take-home” capacity so that the member serving in that assignment may respond during off-duty hours directly to the scene. Executive officers of the Department are also issued vehicles to facilitate their response to the City and any other activities they are tasked with performing.

ANALYSIS

This matter was forwarded to the Detroit Police Department’s Fleet Management Section for further inquiry. For simplicity, the initial scope of the inquiry was narrowed to a specific date — specifically, April 20, 2023. Following a request for information pertaining to additional dates, the Department expanded the inquiry to include January 20, 2023, March 10, 2023, and May 19, 2023. The following summarizes the results.

- On January 20, 2023, 166 vehicles were used in a take-home capacity.
- On March 10, 2023, 170 vehicles were used in a take-home capacity.
- On April 20, 2023, 172 vehicles were used in a take-home capacity.

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- On May 19, 2023, 169 vehicles were used in a take-home capacity.

In addition, the following information pertains to vehicles issued to the executive staff of the Detroit Police Department:

- On April 20, 2023, 58 vehicles were used in a take-home capacity.
- On May 19, 2023, 57 vehicles were used in a take-home capacity.

As of the date of this report, the total number of vehicles that could be used in a response capacity is 1,219. This number does not reflect the total number of units undergoing repair, maintenance, or out of service orders.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that this report serve as the Department's response to this inquiry.



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