



MEMORANDUM

Date: October 9, 2019

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CHH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **Global Positioning System (GPS) Installation in County Vehicles**

Attached is a memorandum from dated October 9, 2019 from Ray Ochotorena, Director of Fleet Services. In addition to the benefits that Mr. Ochotorena describes in his memo, it is important to note that installing GPS in county vehicles is also tool that can be used to assist employees who travel throughout the day should they encounter emergency situations.

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Attachment

c: Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Ray Ochotorena, Director of Fleet Services



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TO: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

FROM: Ray Ochotorena 
Director Fleet Services Department

VIA: Jan Leshner 
Chief Deputy County Administrator

RE: GPS Installation in County Vehicles

For several years, Pima County has used a Global Positioning System (GPS) in more than eight hundred vehicles. The GPS helps us track driver behavior and alerts Fleet Services and Risk Management of unusual or dangerous driving patterns. Many departments use the system regularly to track the activity of the vehicles assigned to them. When we first implemented the GPS system, the miles that County vehicles were driven dropped by more than one million miles in the first year, which greatly reduced the risk of liability for traffic accidents and significantly reduced the fuel consumption and carbon footprint of the County. Employees who have poor driving habits have been counseled to reduce the risk of accidents. Overall, this has been a successful program. The recent report from Fleet Services regarding idling rates for the past year will help us focus on those departments most in need of reducing their carbon emissions and wear and tear on the vehicles.

Although a good tool to reduce risk and improve use of our vehicles, the program has only covered about half of our vehicles. Fleet Services is now expanding the program Countywide. Fleet Services will begin to install the GPS equipment on every County vehicle when it is serviced. Although not all vehicles are marked with a County logo, all of the County's fleet are public vehicles and their use greatly impacts our business and our environment.

Administrative Procedure 49-8 has been revised to reflect this policy change.

c: Patricia Mehrens, Deputy Director, Fleet Services
LeAnne Hartin, Telematics Coordinator, Fleet Services