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### Vehicle Damage and Safety Inspection

The purpose of this training bulletin is to provide information as to the process of what to do when a vehicle is damaged, whether it is due to an accident or incident.

All Kern County Sheriff's Office vehicles involved in a collision or those which have sustained any damage relating to the steering, control, or safe operation of the vehicle whether visible or not, will be removed from service immediately. This vehicle will not be put back into operation until a safety inspection is completed by an authorized vendor or a Sheriff's Automotive mechanic, and the Fleet Manager clears the vehicle as "safe to operate."

[Department Policy E-900](#) specifies the process and responsibility of roles when involved in a vehicle accident.

As a reminder any vehicle that may require collision repair (visible body damage) must come to Fleet Services for inspection, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Fleet Services will make the arrangements for collision repair.

Golden Empire Towing ((661) 834-8697) is the **ONLY** authorized vendor to transport Sheriff's Office vehicles.

By acknowledging this training bulletin, you are indicating you have read and understand both this training bulletin and Department Policy E-900.

Please contact the Fleet Management Unit for any questions at [sheriffleet@kernsheriff.org](mailto:sheriffleet@kernsheriff.org) or (661) 391-7464.