

## FLEET MANAGEMENT



#### KHRIS TROUBLESHOOTING

If KHRIS is temporarily unavailable, there are alternative ways to access the reservation portal:

- 1. Direct Access: Visit the Office of Fleet Management's website at <a href="https://finance.ky.gov/office-of-the-secretary/office-of-fleet-management/Pages/default.aspx">https://finance.ky.gov/office-of-the-secretary/office-of-fleet-management/Pages/default.aspx</a>.
- 2. Alternate Route: Go to the Finance and Administration Cabinet website, where you will find a link directing you to the Office of Fleet Management.
- 3. Search Option: You may also search for "Office of Fleet Management Kentucky" through your preferred search engine.

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## VEHICLE SAFETY: DISTRACTED DRIVING

Distracted driving remains a critical safety issue on our roads. It is important to understand the three main types of distractions:

- ▶ Visual Taking your eyes off the road
- ► Manual Taking your hands off the wheel
- ► Cognitive Taking your mind off the task of driving

According to the Kentucky State Police crash report for 2024, there were over 48,000 crashes related to distracted driving, inattention, and phone usage in Kentucky.

Unfortunately, the problem has only intensified over time, especially with the rise of mobile device use. Public safety campaigns, including AT&T's "It Can Wait" (https://youtu.be/ODvwKkT0rd4), highlight the dangers of texting and driving and serve as a powerful reminder that no message is worth a life.

We understand it can be difficult to disconnect, but while driving, putting away all electronic devices saves lives. The consequences of distraction can be devastating and irreversible. The KYTC drivers' manual states that it is prohibited to use electronic communication while using a state vehicle including text messaging.

At Fleet, safety is our highest priority. Please take this responsibility seriously, for your safety and for the safety of everyone on the road. Let's work together to make distracted driving a thing of the past.

# Motor Pool Double Booking

Motor pool vehicles are available to employees on a first-come, first-served basis, with only one vehicle assigned per driver at any given time. Reserving multiple vehicles ("double booking") to secure a preferred option or without checking them out creates unnecessary waste. This practice limits availability for others, as vehicles assigned to one driver cannot be checked out by another, and our fleet has a limited number of vehicles in each class. Additionally, it results in a oneday charge to the agency without any vehicle usage, wasting taxpayer dollars.

Please ensure that all reservations are made based on actual operational needs rather than personal preference. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **Alternative Fuels**

Alternative fuels are often a topic of debate, and we want to take a moment to clarify some key points that may not be widely known.

First and foremost, federal law mandates that 75% of all state fleet light-duty vehicle purchases must be alternative fuel vehicles. As a result, we are required to comply with this standard as part of our operational obligations. Complicating this effort is the fact that many manufacturers have discontinued production of E85-compatible vehicles, which were once a more accessible option for meeting these requirements. Additionally, the federal government only grants compliance credit at half for hybrid vehicles, further narrowing our options. Our increased adoption of plugin hybrid and electric vehicles is directly tied to fulfilling these federal compliance obligations. We appreciate your understanding as we continue to navigate these evolving requirements while maintaining an efficient and sustainable fleet.

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## **Employee Corner**



We are pleased to welcome Shelby Aldridge to our Fleet Management team. Many of you may already know Shelby, as she has been a valued member of our office through an agency for nearly three years. On August 1, she officially joined us as a government employee in her current role. Please take a moment to congratulate her and welcome her to the team.



We are pleased to welcome our new employee, Brandon May, to the team. Brandon has already made a positive impact at the Help Desk with his dedication and quick ability to learn. A Frankfort resident, he is an avid sports fan and a proud father of a twelve-year-old son. Brandon brings valuable experience from his work in other government agencies, and we are excited to have him on board.

### **KECC Events**



KECC kicked off its first meeting, generating fresh and innovative ideas for fundraising. The event saw strong participation from across the Executive Branch, marking the beginning of a promising season for KECC.



The Office of Fleet
Management will be hosting
its annual Chili cookoff
October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We greatly
appreciate any donations for
food. This year, we are
excited to include a garage
sale alongside the event and
invite everyone to stop by
enjoy some chili and browse
yard sale items.



#### **Submit Ideas**

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