

RCFP VEHICLE ACQUISITIONS

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Both GSA and USFS have programs through which vehicles may be acquired for RCFP use. The two programs are similar in that they both provide equipment on a loan basis, the equipment can be utilized to its fullest extent, and the disposal will be handled by the USFS.

GSA handles excess property for the Department of Defense from which most LFD vehicles are acquired. Since most of this property will be found at military bases, the CAL FIRE screener is authorized to screen at the bases for FEPP. Any SF 122 (Request for Federal Excess Property) requesting property for a LFD must name the fire department on the request and must be handled in the normal procedure through the region material manager.

USFS offers used fire vehicles and slip-on pumpers to CAL FIRE which loans them to the LFD. These units are normally declared excess after 10 to 12 years of use. Most equipment is in fair-to-good operating condition. To receive this equipment accounting units must submit a written request from the unit to the region office. The region office will approve and forward the request through the Accountable Officer to the FEPP office in Sacramento. Each request is logged and held until USFS provides a listing of available equipment. Do not allow LFDs to "make deals" with the USFS staff concerning vehicles--they are assigned according to need. The distribution process of USFS vehicles is as follows:

- A national forest declares a vehicle excess on the SF 120. This releases the vehicle back to USFS for distribution.
- The USFS region equipment manager prepares a listing (usually every six months) and a Report of Excess Property. This report is sent to USFS Cooperative Fire Protection staff.
- The USFS staff determines priorities of vehicles on the list by state or territory. (The Western Pacific Islands receives highest priority for 4-wheel drive, Model 40, 125- and 200-gallon fire vehicles.)
- The remaining equipment list is sent to CAL FIRE's FEPP office. The FEPP Manager consults with the regional fire staff to determine which department has the greatest need.
- The Sacramento FEPP office will notify the unit FLO to prepare the SF-122 (see section 2736).
- The unit will assist in receiving the property and send the receiving copy, Addition to Agreement, and all information about the vehicle acquired to Sacramento headquarters.

Note: The LFD is not authorized to pick up the property without the approval of the Unit Chief.

Note that repairs and modifications can be made to vehicles as desired, providing that any and all repairs or modifications meet with applicable state or local laws and regulations. Be certain to avoid overloading the vehicle or changing the center of a vehicle's gravity, thus making it unstable to drive under the anticipated conditions of use. The Sacramento headquarters Fire Protection office has pamphlets available for assisting vehicle modification.

Disposal of LFD equipment is the same as with other FEPP. Do not dispose of federal property without proper approval. See [Section 2760](#) for proper procedures. LFD units are held accountable for federal excess property in the same manner as a state employee. Before submitting an amendment to delete property on a RCFP agreement, you must have an approved AD-112 or SF 120 stating the action taken. Send the appropriate document/amendment-to-delete to the Sacramento FEPP office.

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