

## **RESERVE VEHICLE POLICY**

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CDF maintains 3 categories of Reserve fire engines and crew vehicles in its fleet: Maintenance Reserves, Replacement Reserves, and Augmentation Reserves. Other categories or types of reserve vehicles may be authorized by Mobile Equipment Management on a case-by-case basis.

## **MAINTENANCE RESERVE VEHICLES**

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In 1991 the Department of General Services, Office of Fleet Administration (OFA) authorized CDF to re-utilize one surveyed fire engine for each ten in-service fire engines as a Maintenance Reserve Engine, and one surveyed crew vehicle per conservation camp as a Maintenance Reserve Crew Vehicle. These vehicles were given special reutilization "X-numbers": 55X for fire engines, and 56X for crew vehicles. These vehicles could be retained in service for up to one year from the time that their replacement was placed into service. They would then be replaced with newer surveyed vehicles, if available.

The primary intended use of these vehicles was to provide replacement for budgeted engines and crew vehicles during times when those vehicles were out of service for maintenance and repair, thus allowing CDF to maintain its budgeted firefighting capability.

The secondary intended use of these vehicles was to provide extra apparatus that could be immediately staffed by call-back of off-duty personnel during times of high fire activity. This allows CDF to rapidly expand its firefighting capability through the use of paid overtime.

Over the years, with the shrinkage of the budgeted fire engine fleet due to budget cuts, and with the permanent replacement of re-utilized vehicles with budgeted vehicles, nearly all of the re-utilized vehicles have been converted to budgeted vehicles. Maintenance Reserve Vehicles are now considered a part of CDF's budgeted mobile equipment fleet. Any remaining 55x engines and 56x crew vehicles being utilized as Maintenance Reserves will be replaced with 4x or 5x engines or 22x crew vehicles as funds allow.

The following table shows the number of Blue Book (staffed) and Maintenance Reserve engines assigned to each CDF operational unit, based on the 05-06 Fiscal Year.

<u>COAST REGION</u>	Blue Book Engines	Maint. Res. Engines	Total Auth.	<u>CASCADE REGION</u>	Blue Book Engines	Maint. Res. Engines	Total Auth.
Mendocino	16	2	18	Butte	15	2	17
Humboldt-Del Norte	14	2	16	Lassen-Modoc	13	1	14
Sonoma - Lake Napa	31	3	34	Nevada-Yuba-Placer	20	2	22
Santa Clara	15	2	17	Shasta-Trinity	19	2	21
San Mateo-Santa Cruz	12	1	13	Tehama-Glenn	12	1	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>98</b>	Siskiyou	13	1	14
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>101</b>

<u>SOUTHERN REGION</u>				<u>SIERRA REGION</u>			
Riverside	14	1	15	Tulare	11	1	12
San Diego	26	3	29	Madera-Mariposa-Merced	17	2	19
San Luis Obispo	12	1	13	Fresno-Kings	12	1	13
San Bernardino	13	2	15	Tuolumne-Calaveras	21	2	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>72</b>	Amador-El Dorado	13	1	14
				San Benito-Monterey	17	2	19
<b>ACADEMY</b>	<b>18</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>CDF TOTAL</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>371</b>				

Maintenance Reserve engines are authorized on the basis of one per 10 Blue Book engines, or the greater fraction thereof. HUU is authorized one additional because of the size and remoteness of the Unit. BDU is authorized one additional because of the size of the unit and fire activity level in BDU and RRU.

## REPLACEMENT RESERVE VEHICLES

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In addition to the Maintenance Reserve vehicles, CDF maintains two re-utilized fire engines and two re-utilized crew vehicles for Replacement Reserves. These vehicles are put into service as replacements for engines and crew vehicles that are destroyed as a result of traffic accidents, fires, or other causes. These vehicles are stored at the Davis Mobile Equipment Facility, and are retained as Replacement Reserves for up to one year from the time that their replacement is placed into service. They are then replaced with newer surveyed vehicles, if available.

## **AUGMENTATION RESERVE VEHICLES**

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In addition to the maintenance Reserve and Replacement Reserve vehicles, CDF maintains ten re-utilized engines and four re-utilized crew vehicles as Augmentation Reserves.

The primary purpose of Augmentation Reserve Vehicles is for use during years of severe fire danger when the Governor and Legislature “augment” CDF’s budget to provide more engine companies and fire crews that CDF would normally staff. The construction time and cost of buying new vehicles for a single seasonal makes it impractical to order new vehicles for this purpose. For that reason, CDF maintains Augmentation Reserve Vehicles that can be activated when needed.

The secondary purpose of the Augmentation Reserve Vehicles is to provide vehicles that can be readily activated and staffed by call-back of off-duty staff during extended periods of severe fire weather, such as during “Santana” events in southern California. These vehicles are retained in storage as Augmentation Reserves for up to one year from the time that their replacement is placed into service. They are then replaced with newer surveyed vehicles, if available.

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