

Memorandum

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TO: All Government of Manitoba Employees FROM: Scott Sinclair

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SUBJECT: Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL) Device

The Manitoba government is committed to ensuring the proper and efficient use of all government vehicles, and more importantly, the safety of employees and the public. To support this, the Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) Policy was implemented in 2018 and AVL devices were installed in all Vehicle and Equipment Management Agency (VEMA) vehicles. This was done to:

- enhance safety for employees working alone
- identify opportunities to reduce environmental impacts, including reducing idling time
- identify operating and financial efficiencies, including improved management of vehicles and vehicle utilization
- flag behaviours that place employees or the public at risk (ex. collision indicators, speeding and seatbelt use)

The light duty rationalization and AVL device program have led to a reduction of 465 vehicles, a 30% reduction in idling and a fuel reduction of 11% equating to a million litres of less fuel consumed.

Audits are now being conducted in accordance with this policy to ensure efficient and safe use of government vehicles. For more information, you may access the AVL Policy http://www.vema.gov.mb.ca/automatic-vehicle-location-policy/. Employees may also contact their supervisor if they have any questions.

As a reminder, it is the expectation that all employees who operate a government vehicle do so safely and responsibly. To ensure proper use of government vehicles, employees must adhere to all Manitoba government policies and relevant laws and regulations, including *The Highway Traffic Act*.

Scott Sinclair Deputy Minister