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Onondaga County Comptroller Releases Report on Take Home Vehicles

Robert E. Antonacci II CPA, Onondaga County Comptroller, released his office's report on take home departmental vehicles.

Mr. Antonacci stated, "County departments should have discretion to assign available take home vehicles to staff where necessary in order to carry out the objectives and missions of their department. However, there is inconsistent monitoring of the use and costs of these vehicles by the departments. In addition, some of the take home vehicles are used very little in comparison to the cost to the County in operating them."

"We recommend the Onondaga County Legislature consider establishing a county-wide policy regarding criteria for assignment of the vehicles and requirements for monitoring their use. In addition, the Legislature should consider a county-wide strategy for reducing the number of take home vehicles over time recognizing some of the assignments may be subject to bargaining unit modifications," Antonacci added.

The Office of the Comptroller also suggested incidents where take home vehicles are used be properly documented according to type of incident and reviewed by Departmental management on a periodic basis, as well as provided on at least an annual basis to the Vehicle Use Review Board.

The Comptroller's letter included with the report contains further information.

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