File Name: Fleet Vehicle Off Campus Breakdown and Accident

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# Messiah College Fleet Vehicle Off Campus Breakdown and Accident Policy and Procedure

*Policy:* It is the policy of Messiah College to provide 24/7/365 assistance for

college fleet vehicles.

Objectives: To provide service or towing in the event of a breakdown or accident in a

college fleet vehicle.

Definitions: Accident – An event or incident in which a college fleet vehicle is damaged

due to impacting another vehicle or object; or as the result of being impacted by another vehicle or object. Please refer to the Fleet Services Program Administration & Vehicle Use Policy and Procedure for further

specific details.

Assistance – Provide technical and /or logistical support to drivers of college fleet vehicles in the event of an off campus breakdown or accident.

Breakdown – An event or incident that may temporarily or otherwise render a fleet vehicle inoperable. This may be due to a mechanical systems malfunction or another type of service related issue.

Equipment: The person assigned to the vehicle should use a personal cell phone or

public phone to call for assistance.

*Procedure:* In the event of a breakdown or accident, the following steps should be

followed:

## Responsibility Step Action

- Call the Department of Safety Dispatch Services office at (717) 691-6005. Identify your vehicle by car or van number and indicate the number of passengers.
- 2. Provide Dispatch with information pertaining to the nature of the breakdown (i.e. out of fuel, flat tire, overheating, won't start) or accident.
- 3. Provide Dispatch with the specific location of the

disabled vehicle or accident.

- 4. If possible, provide at least one or more cell phone/telephone numbers in order for Dispatch Services to be able to contact the fleet vehicle driver with additional instructions or information.
- 5. If the breakdown or accident does not put the vehicle and/or passengers in a dangerous/emergency situation, then please wait to contact the Facility Maintenance Service Manager (or otherwise designated person in his absence) until normal working hours or on the next business day. (Be respectful and avoid calling between 10pm and 7:30am).
- 6. If the breakdown or accident <u>does</u> put the vehicle and/or passengers in a dangerous/emergency situation, then Dispatch shall immediately contact the Facility Maintenance Service Manager (or otherwise designated person in his absence) for further instructions.
- 7. The Facility Maintenance Service Manager will determine if service can be provided and/or the vehicle needs towed.
- 8. Please remember that <u>any</u> incident involving a college fleet vehicle, irrespective of whether damage is visible or not, <u>must</u> be reported to Dispatch Services as soon as possible after the incident occurs. When necessary, obtain the driver's safety kit and camera from the vehicle glove box. Complete the Accident Report form and take pictures.
- 9. Note of Understanding: It is the intent of this procedure for Dispatch Services to work cooperatively with the Facility Maintenance Services Manager in order to render assistance to college fleet vehicle drivers in the event of a breakdown or accident. At the request of the Facility Maintenance Services Manager, Dispatch Services shall make any contacts or take any actions as deemed appropriate and necessary.

10.	Refer to Appendix A for additional transportation
	options.

11. Refer to Appendix B for local towing services.

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"Note - The signed copy of this procedure is filed in the Facility Service Department. By signing this policy you have agreed to enforce the contents and adhere to standards".

#### APPENDIX A

If transportation is needed for large groups, call Wolf's Bus Service for a bus or 15 passenger van. If it's before 5pm, call toll free # 1-800-965-3287. If it's after 5pm, call Charter Emergency # 717-528-7654.

If a group is 5 or less, contact one of the car rentals listed below.

#### **AVIS**

USA 1-800-331-1212 International 1-800-331-1085

### **Enterprise**

1-800-261-7331 Road side assistance 1-800-307-6666

#### Hertz

1-800-654-3131

#### APPENDIX B

In the event of a local breakdown or accident, the Facility Maintenance Service Manager (or otherwise designated person in his absence) will determine if service can be provided and/or the vehicle needs towed.

Towing service in order of priority:

- Coulson's Towing
   138 Twin Hills Road
   Dillsburg, PA
   Phone: 432-7408
- Allen's Auto Sales and Service 500 Pinetown Road Lewisberry, PA Phone: 766-4685
- 3. Shumaker's Towing RT 15 and 74 Dillsburg, PA Phone: 432-9617