(A) Policy Statement

The Rehabilitation Services Department will ensure that its vehicles are maintained in a safe and reliable condition and are operated by authorized and qualified employees only for University of Toledo Medical Center (UTMC) related activities.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To provide safe and reliable transportation for University of Toledo Medical Center business.

To assure all drivers are qualified.

(C) Procedure

1. All Rehabilitation Services vehicles shall be properly licensed and insured through UTMC Liability Control Department.

2. All vehicles shall be operated only by properly authorized, licensed, insured, and trained employees in a safe and legal manner consistent with UTMC policy and applicable local, state, and federal laws. Authorization, insurability, and training will be documented using "Driver Application Form."

3. All vehicles shall be maintained to insure safe and reliable transportation in a cost effective manner.
   
   A. All vehicles will be routinely inspected to ensure safety and proper operation of vehicles using the UTMC Vehicle Inspection check sheet.
   
   B. All drivers shall perform pre-use safety check of key items listed on the Vehicle Log Sheet Clipboard.
   
   C. If a safety defect or a need for service is found, the driver should inform the Director or designee, who will arrange and document repairs.

4. All vehicles shall be used only for authorized UTMC activities.

5. In case of an accident, contact the University Medical Center Campus Security Department, local authorities, or Highway Patrol, as appropriate. Complete an Accident Report and forward it to the UTMC Campus Security Department (See also UTMC Vehicle Accident Policy #3364-20-06 Use of University vehicles rules and regulations).

6. In case of road side failure, try to get the vehicle to a safe location out of traffic and/or place emergency reflectors and/or flares to warn approaching vehicles. University of Toledo has towing service available from Piasecki, at 536-1342 or 536-0095 (other services may be used)
7. Each vehicle will be equipped with the following emergency and safety equipment.
   A. UTMC vehicle policies
   B. Department vehicle policies
   C. Three (3) roadside flares
   D. Three (3) roadside reflectors/triangles
   E. Fire extinguisher
   F. Window scraper
   G. Battery booster cables
   H. White distress flag
   I. Ohio insurance identification card
   J. Copy of State of Ohio Vehicle Registration
   K. First Aid Kit

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