



KING COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

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Follow-up on Performance Audit of Take-Home Vehicles in the King County Sheriff's Office (2013)

The King County Sheriff's Office indicates that it will complete the last remaining recommendation from this audit in 2020, improving its analysis of vehicle assignment-related costs. The King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) is developing a vehicle evaluation tool that it will use to select a new general service (non-patrol) vehicle in 2020. Most KCSO command staff and detectives currently use a general service vehicle as their take-home vehicle, but manufacturers are retiring production of these vehicles. KCSO created a cost-estimation matrix that aids its evaluation of take-home vehicles and operational needs. The process for selecting the new general service vehicle will use an improved tool that includes vehicle cost elements and operational assessment along with other potential considerations, such as reduced carbon emissions.

Of the five audit recommendations:

	4 DONE		1 PROGRESS		0 OPEN
Fully implemented Auditor will no longer monitor.		Partially implemented Auditor will continue to monitor.		Remain unresolved Auditor will continue to monitor.	

Please see below for details on the implementation status of these recommendations.



Recommendation 1	NOVEMBER 20, 2014	DONE	
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Recommendation 2		PROGRESS	
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The King County Sheriff’s Office should continue to analyze the costs and benefits of its current vehicle assignment policy to determine if changes to this policy could result in cost savings.

STATUS UPDATE: KCSO created a matrix for evaluating vehicles that incorporates key elements of vehicle costs. The matrix allows KCSO to use a consistent approach in considering the cost impact of different take-home vehicle options. Recently, KCSO learned that its general services fleet vehicles will no longer be manufactured after 2020. KCSO managers are planning to improve the current matrix to create a more robust tool in evaluating their options for the general service vehicles, and for future vehicle evaluations. To complete this recommendation, KCSO should complete and use the new vehicle evaluation tool to select its new general services vehicle, demonstrating the tool’s utility in assessing take-home vehicle costs.

Recommendation 3	NOVEMBER 20, 2014	DONE	
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Recommendation 4	NOVEMBER 20, 2014	DONE	
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Recommendation 5	NOVEMBER 20, 2014	DONE	
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Principal Management Auditor Justin Anderson conducted this review. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the King County Auditor’s Office at KCAO@KingCounty.gov or 206-477-1033.