Policy

Each station will be limited to the vehicles recommended by the Chiefs Management Committee and approved by the Director of Fire and EMS. Inventory additions will be based on the level of service to meet the needs for the citizens of the Prince George County.

No new vehicles will be added to the vehicle fleet without recommendation from the Chief’s Management Committee through the Fire and EMS office.

All replacement vehicles will be determined in accordance with the Fire and EMS Department’s Apparatus Replacement Plan dated February 2012 endorsed by the Chiefs Management Committee.

Any vehicles not procured through these procedures will not be operated or housed on County property, display County or department markings, insured, or maintained using County funds. Any county volunteer emergency service organization operating a vehicle not procured though these procedures may lose County funding as determined by the County Administrator.

Vehicles identified by the Fire and EMS Department’s Apparatus Replacement Plan as not scheduled for replacement will not be considered in the total inventory allowance as described above. These vehicles will be maintained until a needed repair exceeds 5% of the estimated replacement cost as annotated in the fire services insurance schedule or the individual department no longer identifies a need for the vehicle.

All Vehicles being replaced must be removed from service unless reassigned by the Apparatus Replacement Plan, or recommendation of the Chief’s Management Committee and approved by the Director of Fire and EMS.

Ambulances will be reviewed upon reaching five years of service. Ambulance rotation shall be determined by the apparatus liaisons from each station that has an ambulance(s) and the fleet manager. The rotation will be based on usage, mileage, and preventative maintenance schedules.
Command and brush vehicles will be reviewed on an as needed basis. The replacement criteria will be based on usage, mileage, and maintenance issues.

The review criteria will consist of the following:

- Mileage and Engine Pump hours
- Annual Maintenance Cost
- Age of Unit
- Frequency of Use
- Departmental Recommendations
- Lack of Significant or Technological Features
- County Fleet Managers Recommendations
- Cost of Refurbishment or Replacement
- Community Growth and Development

The Apparatus Replacement Committee will meet at minimum on an annual basis to review, modify and/or make recommendations the adopted plan.