Use of Hand-Held Electronic Devices in Vehicles

The Division of General Services of the South Carolina Budget and Control Board has issued the following Policy regarding the use of hand-held electronic devices in State Fleet Management (SFM) leased fleet vehicles. Effective 1 June, 2010, E&F employees shall follow the policy stated below while operating SFM leased fleet vehicles.

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The State Fleet Management (SFM) office, located in the Division of General Services at the State Budget and Control Board, provides a written directive and guidance prohibiting the use of handheld electronic devices while driving (operating) a SFM leased fleet vehicle.

PURPOSE:

This policy is applicable to all state employees who drive SFM leased fleet vehicles.

POLICY:

Drivers may not use any hand held electronic devices (cell phone, PDA, MP3 player, or other electronic communication devices) while operating a SFM leased fleet vehicle. If a call must be made or received while driving, the driver must pull over to a safe place and put the vehicle in “park.” Additionally, drivers should pull over to a safe place and put the vehicle in “park” to make adjustments to GPS or other navigational devices. Drivers are prohibited from texting, dialing outgoing calls, or writing email messages while driving a SFM leased fleet vehicle.

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