



MOUNTAIN VILLAGE VEHICLE and EQUIPMENT SHARING

Every vehicle is assigned to a department however this does not mean that only that department uses that vehicle. All town vehicles were purchased with a specific use in mind. For example, the Property Maintenance Department has pickup trucks with lift gates so they can load and haul items such as trash and lawn mowers. The Road and Bridge Department has a truck that is used to apply magnesium chloride in the winter and pull heavy trailers for road repair in the summer. The Facilities Department has a truck with multiple tool boxes to carry tools. The point is that our vehicles have all been purchased because of a need and a use and they are all used for other jobs within their respective departments and by other departments as well.

For example, we have only the need for one truck with a diesel transfer fuel tank to fuel other equipment in the field. That truck is part of the Road and Bridge Department but it is shared with the Parks and Recreation, Property Maintenance and Gondola Maintenance Departments as well as with Village Court Apartments. The town owns one service truck that is shared between Vehicle Maintenance and Gondola Maintenance. Property Maintenance has a one ton flatbed truck with dumping capabilities which is used by all the field departments at one time or another. The examples can go on and on.

In addition to their specific tasks, all field crew vehicles are also used to shuttle employees from the shop to their work destination. These vehicles are the same vehicles that have been purchased for a specific use. Once the crew is dropped off, the vehicle is then utilized for its purchased use. The vehicles do not sit idle - they are used daily.

Unwritten Pooling Procedure

Some days a department may only need an extra vehicle to get a job done; it could be for an hour or for a week. The process is as simple as to ask around the shop if you can borrow a vehicle from another department. It usually happens first thing in the morning. All the field crews work with these requests for sharing, it has become so natural that we don't even think of it as pooling it's just what needs to happen to keep the town's operations going. It happens almost daily but certainly weekly.

Equipment is shared the same as vehicles. Equipment sharing ranges from dump trucks to hand tools. Most of the heavy equipment is assigned to the Road and Bridge Department but other departments such as Gondola, Water, and Parks and Recreation need a backhoe at times, yet not often enough to justify having their own. Through simple planning the equipment is shared.