

## **Abandoned/Towed Vehicles**

1. It is prohibited to abandon personally owned vehicles on Fort Bragg or its sub-installations. The owner is liable for all cost involved in the vehicle's transfer, storage, and disposal.
2. Military Police may impound:
  - a. Vehicles in traffic accidents involving fatalities.
  - b. Vehicles seized as evidence.
  - c. Recovered stolen vehicles.
  - d. Abandoned vehicles. An abandoned vehicle is defined as:
    - Any vehicle left within the limits of any roadway, parking area, or outside a cantonment area on Fort Bragg or its sub-installations over 72 hours;
    - Any remnant of a motor vehicle left within the limits of any roadway, parking area, or outside a cantonment area on Fort Bragg or its sub-installations over 72 hours, which is inoperative and cannot be made operative without the addition of vital parts or mechanisms; or
    - Any other vehicle that law enforcement personnel reasonably believe to be abandoned due to expired tags or expired inspection stickers.
3. The Provost Marshal is responsible for coordinating removal of abandoned vehicles from post, including appropriate tagging and towing. MP will tag abandoned vehicles with an adhesive tow tag. This tag serves as sufficient warning that if the vehicle is not removed by the owner/lien holder in 72 hours, it will be removed (towed) to a designated place to be sold.
4. Fort Bragg has a formal agreement in place with a towing company authorizing them to tow abandoned vehicles upon notification by the PMO. Towing and storage charges, as well as an administrative processing fee, are assessed by the company. Other fees (such as cleanup charges if the vehicle has been involved in an accident) may also apply. Release of a towed vehicle is brokered between the commercial company and the vehicle owner.
5. Personnel whose vehicles have been towed should call the PMO Desk (396-0391) as soon as possible to obtain information on how to contact the towing company. (If towed from the 82d Airborne Division area, contact the 82d Airborne Division PMO at 432-8911.) North Carolina General Statutes authorize sale/disposal of the vehicle if it is not reclaimed in a timely manner, so personnel should act promptly.

6. Commanders who have abandoned (or suspected abandoned) vehicles in your area, coordinate with the Fort Bragg Provost Marshal Office to arrange for the vehicles to be tagged or towed. **Only the Fort Bragg PMO can authorize the tow of abandoned POVs.**

7. XVIII Airborne Corps and [Fort Bragg Master Policy # 19](#) outlines responsibilities for the removal of abandoned vehicles from the installation.