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OIG Finds Issues with the County's Oversight of Fleet Vehicles and Drivers

Rockville, Maryland – Montgomery County Maryland Inspector General Megan Davey Limarzi announced today the release of a new Office of the Inspector General (OIG) report, [Light-Duty Fleet Vehicles and Driver Suitability Inspection](#), OIG Publication # 22-013, detailing the results of an OIG inspection of Montgomery County's oversight of its fleet of light-duty vehicles. The review was performed pursuant to the OIG's mandate to review the effectiveness and efficiency of county programs and operations.

Montgomery County has over 880 vehicles in its light-duty fleet. In fiscal years 2020 and 2021 they spent approximately \$1.9 million and \$1.4 million respectively to increase and upgrade the fleet. Through this inspection, the OIG tracked a representative sample of vehicles to determine if the county could account for its vehicles. The OIG also examined whether the county's Division of Risk Management followed established procedures in determining the suitability of employees to operate vehicles while conducting county business.

Although the OIG was able to locate the vehicles in its sample, the inspection revealed issues with the county's policies, record keeping, and internal communication with respect to vehicle accountability. The OIG also found that a potentially large number of employees are not vetted prior to operating county vehicles or regularly driving personal vehicles for county business and that the county often continues to receive driving record information for employees after they have left county service. Additionally, the OIG concluded that the county does not always monitor or act on notifications received about changes to employee driving records such as suspensions of driving privileges. Ultimately, the inspection resulted in five findings and six recommendations focused on improving accountability of light-duty fleet vehicles and reviews of driver suitability. The Chief Administrative Officer concurred with the OIG's recommendations.

The full report can be found at the following location,
<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/OIG/Resources/Files/PDF/IGActivity/FY2022/Report22-13.pdf>

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