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Federal Protective Service Mismanaged Vehicle Fleet

A new Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Homeland Security (DHS) report determined that Federal Protective Service (FPS) mismanaged its vehicle fleet and potentially missed opportunities to save more than \$2.5 million in Fiscal Year 2014.

The report, "The FPS Vehicle Fleet Is Not Managed Effectively," cites a number of unjustified FPS management decisions, including:

- Leasing 101 more vehicles than the total number of FPS officers
- Leasing 32 administrative vehicles
- Leasing SUVs instead of standard sedans
- Adding costly discretionary equipment to vehicles.

The OIG audit, requested by Congress, also found that FPS overpaid for law enforcement vehicle equipment packages, lacked a comprehensive vehicle allocation methodology, and did not have accurate fleet data to make management decisions.

FPS is the DHS agency charged with protecting and securing more than 9,000 buildings nationwide that are owned or leased by the Federal Government.

"This is a regrettable misuse of taxpayer funds due to questionable management decisions," said Inspector General John Roth. "FPS must put policies and procedures in place to prevent future abuses and get an accurate accounting of its vehicle needs and expenses."

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