Fire Apparatus Registration

All vehicles, including fire apparatus must be registered (Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §14-12)

- **Municipal Registration (CGS §14-12(k))**
  - Vehicle must be owned or leased to a municipality, approved regional solid waste authority or tax district
  - Done through your town’s designated contact person (Most are in the Public Works department)
  - Documents Needed by DMV:
    - DMV Form B-91, General Distinguishing Number Application Municipally Owned Motor Vehicles
    - Proof of Ownership – Original or duplicate Title, Manufacturer’s Certificate of Origin (MCO) or Purchase Order. A statement on municipal letterhead if this proof isn’t available.
      (Your town’s contact may require additional information)
  - Fee – None
  - Characteristics
    - Municipal registrations don’t expire (no renewal required)
    - Not vehicle specific – Plate may be moved from one vehicle to another, e.g. from the old engine you trade in to the new engine, without notifying DMV.
      (DMV requests plate inventories in January & July from the municipality to show which plates are on which vehicles.)

- **Fire Apparatus Registration (CGS §14-19)**
  - Can be requested by the Chief of any regular or volunteer fire department
  - Documents Needed by DMV:
    - Letter from the Fire Chief requesting the registration
    - DMV Form H-13, Application for Registration and Certificate of Title
    - Proof of Insurance
    - New Registration
      - Proof of Ownership – Title or MCO only – Must be originals
    - Expired Registration
      - Expired Plate Numbers
  - Fee - None for government owned apparatus
  - Characteristics
    - Registration must be renewed annually in March
- Registration is for a particular truck, plate can’t be moved to another vehicle without registering it
- Emission testing is required for vehicles 10,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight rating or less.

- **Note:** Inspection of Fire Apparatus - RCSA §14-11d requires annual DOT (federal) inspection of fire apparatus which is defined as:

  "... any motor vehicle used as an emergency vehicle, as defined in section 14-283(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, which has a gross vehicle weight rating of eighteen thousand one (18,001) or more pounds, or has been issued a certificate of registration and number plate bearing the words “fire apparatus,” [Emphasis added]"