



Employee Spotlight: Fleet Management Division

The City of Chula Vista Fleet Management Division provides maintenance and repair to hundreds of City vehicles and pieces of equipment, working to ensure the safety of employees across departments.

Public Works' Fleet Management Division supervises vehicles Citywide, including Chula Vista Police cruisers and Fire engines, and other City vans, trucks, and large equipment.

City vehicles and equipment are maintained or replaced based on factors such as mileage, age, and usage history. Preventative maintenance inspections are conducted regularly to make sure vehicles are operating at state and federal safety standards.



"The purpose of the Fleet Division is to ensure that the vehicles that leave our shop are safer than when they came in," said Zohair Youman, Fleet Division Manager. "Our job is to confirm that City vehicles and equipment are safely fulfilling their intended uses."

Youman said the City owns about 680 vehicles and pieces of equipment, with new additions coming in on a rolling basis. This includes about 64 fire vehicles and almost 200 police department vehicles. It also includes 336 public service units, which are trucks and vans used for construction repair, parks maintenance, and general maintenance. Equipment under the Fleet's supervision is varied and includes heavy-duty vehicles that weigh 8,500 lbs. or more. This could include sewer trucks, storm drain trucks, dump trucks, street sweepers, tractors, backhoes, and two-wheel loaders.

The Fleet Management division is currently made up of 13 employees, with a fleet manager, supervisor, inventory specialist, senior management analyst, senior fiscal office specialist, and nine mechanics. Employees rotate shifts to ensure that the mechanic shop is staffed and able to assist vehicles or equipment. While mechanic services operate Monday through Friday, an on-call mechanic is also available 24/7.

This year, Chula Vista Fire personnel have deployed to numerous wildfires across California. The Fleet Management Division works to make sure the vehicles and equipment are in optimal condition, to strengthen readiness and safety levels. Their efforts are essential not only for the protection of firefighters, but also for the overall effectiveness of the firefighting operations.

While the Fleet Management Division mostly serves internal departments within the City, employees also serve the public. Earlier this year, the division collaborated with the Chula Vista Police Department to host three “Engrave & Save” events, where Chula Vista residents could sign up to get their vehicle identification numbers (VIN) engraved on their catalytic converters for free. Catalytic converters are exhaust emission control devices and have frequently been the target of theft. According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, from 2020 through 2022, [51,585 catalytic converter thefts](#) were reported to insurers in California. The simple act of engraving a VIN on a catalytic converter is a way to deter theft and help keep drivers safe. The City of Chula Vista sponsored the events, and the Fleet Management Division conducted the engraving services.



“The Fleet Management Division keeps the City and first responder vehicles in the most optimal shape possible,” said Youman. “The Fleet Management Division is a crucial part of ensuring the safety of the City.”