

Law Enforcement Support for Automated Vehicle Authorization Regulation

Background:

Senate Bill 2807 (89R) created new statewide regulations for using an automated vehicle (AV) in the commercial transport of goods or passengers. Commercial AV operators are required to:

1. File a First Responder Interaction Plan (FRIP) with the Texas Department of Public Safety;
2. Receive an authorization to operate from TxDMV;
3. Maintain standard liability insurance for the vehicle's intended purpose;
4. Maintain valid vehicle registration;
5. Have a recording device that allows retrieval of information from the vehicle after a collision or traffic incident; and
6. Be able to comply with all traffic laws and regulations.

The 'operator' of the AV is the entity or person who causes the Automated Driving System to engage and is generally the party responsible for adherence to authorization requirements.

SB 2807 requirements and enforcement processes do not apply to personal use of automated vehicles in Texas.

When responding to an incident involving an AV:

Law enforcement officials can verify the TxDMV AV authorization status of individual vehicles or operators at <https://txmccs.txdmv.gov/automated-vehicles>. This same information will be available later this year through the website used by law enforcement to access motor carrier credentials, Truck Stop (<https://apps.txdmv.gov/apps/mccs/truckstop/>).

TxDMV Contact Information for Law Enforcement Assistance:

The Law Enforcement Assistance Team (LEAT) is the primary TxDMV point of contact for law enforcement agencies/officers needing assistance with motor vehicle data. **LEAT is available to law enforcement by phone at 512-465-1243 or by email at LEAT@TxDMV.gov.** For direct support from a Motor Carrier Investigator, please contact 512-465-1350.

Public Safety Complaints Concerning Automated Vehicles:

TxDMV may only act against automated vehicle authorization holders if the vehicle is determined to be operating in a manner that could result in serious bodily injury, as defined by Section 1.07, Texas Penal Code. This definition includes operations that create substantial risk of death or cause death, serious permanent disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of bodily function. If you suspect an authorized AV is operating, or has operated, in a way that could result in serious bodily injury, please contact LEAT for assistance or file a complaint at <https://www.txdmv.gov/complaints> (available on May 28, 2026).