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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL ISSUES MOTOR VEHICLE SELF-INSURANCE FOLLOW-UP REPORT

The New Orleans Office of Inspector General (OIG) today released a report titled "Motor Vehicle Self-Insurance Follow-up Report."

Evaluators found that the City implemented or partially implemented all but three of the recommendations that the OIG provided in its 2012 report to increase the effectiveness of the motor vehicle self-insurance program.

The OIG found that the City is in the process of hiring an in-house adjuster for automobile claims as recommended in 2012 to save approximately \$100,000 per year in contract costs. The OIG also found that the City began requiring employees to complete defensive driver training prior to operating city vehicles. However, the City did not perform annual reviews of official driving records maintained by the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles, instead relying on employees to self-report major accidents or the suspension of a driver's license.

"Overall, the City made improvements to its motor vehicle self-insurance program," stated Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux. "Important work remains to reduce risk by making sure that only qualified drivers operate city vehicles."

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