

Police Impounded Vehicle

- **Statutory Requirement of KRS 82.630:**
 1. If within ten (10) business days of impoundment the motor vehicle has not been claimed, or a hearing has not been requested pursuant to KRS 82.625, notice shall be mailed by certified mail to the registered owner if known, and to lien holder(s) of record if any, affording the parties the right to claim the vehicle within ten (10) days from the date of notice or request a hearing pursuant to KRS 82.625. The notice shall state that if no hearing is requested, the vehicle shall be deemed abandoned unless the charges thereon are paid within forty-five (45) days of receipt of notice.
 2. After forty-five (45) days from the date of notice required by #1, an impounded motor vehicle shall be deemed abandoned and the vehicle shall escheat to that law enforcement agency.
 3. If the vehicle is judged suitable for use, the law enforcement agency may obtain a certificate of registration and ownership from the county clerk pursuant to KRS 186.020, and may either use the motor vehicle for governmental purposes or sell the motor vehicle at public auction to the highest bidder. However, if the motor vehicle is not suitable for use, it may be sold for its scrap or junk value. If sold to the highest bidder, the seller shall provide to the purchaser documentation confirming that the general notice procedures for public sale in compliance with KRS Chapter 424 were followed.

- **In compliance with the above statutory requirements, the following documents are required when applying for a title:**
 - A. If the law enforcement agency is keeping the motor vehicle for official use:
 - A copy of the notice sent to the owner and to the lien holder(s)
 - The certified mail receipt (green/white slip) and the return receipt (green postcard) from each certified letter
 - Application for Title and Registration (TC 96-182)
 - o Complete the vehicle identification section and the buyer/transferee section
 - Sheriff's inspection is required if the vehicle is from out of state or is not currently titled or registered in Kentucky

 - B. If the vehicle was sold, the new owner shall submit to the county clerk:

The certified mail receipt (green/white slip) and the return receipt (green postcard) from each certified letter

 - An Application for Title and Registration (TC 96-182) with any supporting documents
 - o Law Enforcement completes the vehicle identification section and the seller/transferor section of TC 96-182
 - o Buyer completes the buyer/transferee section
 - Bill of sale on law enforcement's letterhead (stipulating compliance with KRS 82.630)
 - Sheriff's inspection is required if the vehicle is from out of state or is not currently titled or registered in Kentucky