

## **Registration of your Fire Truck that you have just purchased.**

**There is a lot of confusion when it comes to going to the DMV to registrar your new purchase. In California if the vehicle is over twenty five years old you can registrar it as a Historical Vehicle. Most DMV agents I have spoken to have never done this and really don't know how to do this at all. They find it easier to tell you that it can't be done and will try to make you registrar the vehicle as a commercial vehicle costing you hundreds of extra dollars.**

**Before you go in go to the DMV go to there web site at [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov) and print Form 17A. Fill out Original at the top left and then complete parts 1,2 and 5. Make sure that the back of your title is filled out completely and signed by both the seller and the buyer. If you purchase this vehicle from an agency or company it has to have a person of authority signature of release for the company or agency. If it is just signed off as released from XYZ agency the DMV will not accepted it.**

**You need also a "Bill of Sale" this also can be obtained from the DMV web site form number 135. Fill this out completely which also needs to be filled out by you and the seller. Remember that you are signing all forms "under penalty of perjury" so you want to make sure that the information is true and correct.**

**If the vehicle had exemption plates, and the agency had not notified the DMV that they still own the vehicle since the year 2000 more that likely it has fallen off their computer. You may also need to do this if the vehicle comes in from out of state. If this happens you will need to get the vehicle verify (form 343). This can be done be any the DMV office, Highway Patrol or Peace Officer, Auto Club (if you are a member) or any DMV Certified Vehicle Verifier. If done by a Vehicle Verifier they can not charge you more than ten dollars for this service.**

**With all this done you are ready to break out your check book. The cost should be \$15.00 for the transfer of title, \$53.00 for the Historical Plate and the what ever the percentage of the tax rate is in the County that you are registering the vehicle in.**

**Remember going into the DMV knowing what you want and don't let the agent talk you into anything else. If you have to, ask to speak to their supervisor. Allow yourself an hour for this once you get to the window.**

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