



PINETOP-LAKESIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

"Celebrate the Seasons" Safely

1360 N. Niels Hansen Lane, Lakeside, AZ 85929 (928) 368-8803



Dan Barnes
Chief of Police

Notice of Vehicle Impoundment

You may request a hearing in person by going to the Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department, located at 1360 N. Niels Hansen Lane, Lakeside, AZ 85929. You may also contact Precila De La Garza at (928) 368-8803 x226 or email pdelagarza@pinetoplakesideaz.gov. Releases are conducted by appointment only.

How do I get my vehicle back?

If you are the registered owner or the spouse of the registered owner or owner's agent, you have the following rights:

- You have ten (10) days to request a hearing to determine if the vehicle impoundment met the requirements of ARS 28-3511. You can request a hearing by coming to the Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department or by calling (928) 368-8803. A hearing will then be scheduled between 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) within five (5) working days of your request. Failure of the owner, the spouse of the owner or other person or the other person's agent to request an immobilization or post storage hearing within ten days after the date on the notice prescribed in ARS 28-3514E or to attend a scheduled hearing satisfies the immobilization or post storage hearing requirement. Before a vehicle may be released, the Owner/Agent must provide a valid Driver's License, valid registration, and valid insurance.

You may have your vehicle released to you before the expiration of the 20-day impoundment period under any of the following conditions:

- The vehicle was stolen, and the owner filed a stolen vehicle report with the appropriate agency.
- The vehicle is subject to bailment and was driven by an employee of a business establishment which includes a parking service or repair garage.
- The owner presents satisfactory proof that the owner's driving privilege has been reinstated.
- If the owner, or the owner's agent, was not the person driving the vehicle at the time of the impoundment, or the owner is in the business of renting motor vehicles without a driver and the vehicle is registered in accordance with ARS 28-2166. The owner will be required to sign an agreement of operation which stipulates that the vehicle will not be operated in violation of ARS 28-3511 for the following calendar year.

If you are not the registered owner, but are identified on motor vehicle records as having an interest in the vehicle at the time of the impoundment, you have the following rights:

- You have ten (10) days to request a hearing to determine if the impoundment met the requirements of ARS 28-3511, by either coming to the Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department or by calling (928) 368-8803. The hearing will be scheduled between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) within five (5) working days of your request. Failure of the owner, the spouse of the owner or other person or the other person's agent to request an immobilization or post storage hearing within ten days after the date on the notice prescribed in ARS 28-3514E or to attend a scheduled hearing satisfies the immobilization or post storage hearing requirement.
- You may have the vehicle released prior to the end of the 20-day impoundment period if you are a bank, motor vehicle dealer, credit union or a licensed financial institution legally operating in the state and held a lien on the vehicle at the time of the impoundment. You must prove that the vehicle is in default of the loan, or the impoundment is a violation of the written contract. You will be required to pay an administrative fee (unless the vehicle was reported as a stolen vehicle to an appropriate agency), all towing and storage fees, and provide foreclosure documents and/or an original notarized affidavit of repossession and hold harmless letter.

In all cases, you must obtain an authorized release from the Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department and will have to pay a \$150 Administrative Fee (cash or money order) to the Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department, as well as meet all the requirements of an authorized release and pay all applicable towing and storage fees before the vehicle will be released. If you do not claim your vehicle within ten (10) days of the available release date, the towing company may file for an abandoned title to take ownership of the vehicle.

If you do not believe the vehicle was impounded properly, or legally, then you may request a hearing to determine the legitimacy of the impoundment. You can request a hearing by coming to the Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department or by calling (928) 368-8803. A hearing will then be scheduled between 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday (excluding weekends) within five (5) working days of your request. The hearing is an informal process and will be conducted by a member of the Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department.