

MVAC MINUTES – April 12, 2006

The meeting was held on July 14, 2004 at the Division of Wildlife. Art Hale started the meeting at 9:00 am.

In Attendance: Barbara Garcia – Metro State-DOHE, Barb Crawford – DOW, Ronni Hunter – DOR Gaming, Grant Hammett – DORA, Bruce Burgess – Auraria-DOHE, Ron Clatterbuck – Fleet, Michael Stadler – UNC-DOHE, Bob Giovanni – Fleet, Duane Whitfield – Risk Management, Stacey Simms – Clean Cities, Dave Monson – DOC, Julia Rodriguez – CDPHE, Karen Neuschwanger – CDOT, Ray Nelson – Telecom, Sonny Otero – Fleet, Patti Torres – DOLE, Fred Trujillo – DOL, Janine Higgins – School of Mines-DOHE, Karen Griggs – CSP, Shelly Thornburg – Fleet, Art Hale – Fleet.

Clean Cities – Stacey Simms

As you know we are in liquid fuel energy crises. Diesel fuel is expected to go up to, and possibly surpass \$3.00 per gallon by September 1. By Memorial Day Weekend fuel prices will go up more than previously expected due to the beginning of the summer travel season and the political instability of the Middle East. These are the some of issues that makes Alternative Fueled vehicles more attractive for fleets and individuals. The manufacturers are not having the same issues they were five years ago with the reliability of these vehicles, which makes them more viable to purchase. They are better than ever.

Hybrid means the vehicle has an electric motor component to assist the gas engine. Bio-diesel has several different blends. A 100% blend of Bio-diesel is generally for warmer states or to be run during the warmer months in colder climates. Colorado can run up to 20% bio-diesel because it is more conducive to our climate. Ethanol can have a low level blend of 10% mixed with regular gasoline, which is the most common fuel available at the pump today. A blend of 85% ethanol mixed with 15% gasoline is identified as E-85 at the pump and is considered a flexible fuel. E-85 is 30 to 40% cheaper than regular unleaded gasoline. Flexible Fuel Vehicles (FFV) can run on both regular unleaded and E-85 fuel. We have 11 E-85 stations in Colorado with 10 more new stations opening by the end of the year.

Clean Cities does a lot of presentations and events concerning vehicle idling. Vehicles that spend a lot of time idling are one of the major contributors to pollution in Colorado and across the nation. The city of Denver has an idling law that is strictly enforced and as Fleet Coordinators we should remind our drivers to be more conscious of this. There is really no reason for idling. Clean Cities partner with different anti-idling companies so that over time we can reduce emissions and improve air quality. It's also unnecessary fuel consumption.

Overdue PM's.

The new CARS update is completed but it has not been released. Update is ready; they are doing a final test to work all the bugs out. MyFleet website will be invalid for the PM portion in CARS system. You will need to call the Authorization department to find out your PM history. We are getting a new server to help with this. With the new Citrix server that is currently being tested, soon anyone can have access to CARS from any desktop.

Oil sample kits will be given out with each new vehicle. A note will go into the computer to have the vendor ask for them to be done. As the kits are used SFM will replace them.

Fleet Commander is a web base reservation system and seems to be working very well. We are going to decentralize the motor pool and have various locations where the customer can pick up a car. With this system in place it will make easier to do this.

Motor Pool: They are going to demo the parking lot where the motor pool is currently located and move the motor pool to 14th & Lincoln. When the demo is completed they will repave the parking lot and move the motor pool back to the 1555 Sherman off the alley location until the new building is built. They plan on giving us 30 parking spaces for the motor pool and we have 53 vehicles in motor pool, so obviously we need other locations where the rest of the vehicles can reside.

Safety Matters

SFM/Risk strongly recommend the 15-passenger-van training. Duane conducted a training session at the Historical Society and it went really well. Duane will come out to your location to do training but needs to have at least 6 and no more than 10 people in the class to do the training. The class will last about four hours. Risk is in the process of doing a 2-hour driver safety refresher course, those interested can register for classes on-line with Risk Management.

The State recently had a fatal accident over Red Mountain pass and according to the National Highway Transportation fatalities are going up significantly. In 2004 there were 665 fatalities at a rate of 14.45% per one hundred thousand. Colorado is currently at 7.42%. We encourage people to always wear safety belts, and a helmet if you are on a motorcycle. If you are in a state vehicle and don't wear the proper safety equipment you can lose up to 50% of your benefits if you are involved in an accident.

Sonar Systems: You can reserve a sonar backing system now. We can have them installed by the time the new vehicles are ready to pick up. The cost is about \$150.00 and \$100.00 to install. The cost of this can be included in the variable rate. They will decrease the number of backing accidents we are experiencing.

Car Keys: We have already had someone lose the keys on a 06 Jeep liberty. We are making everyone aware that if you lose a key with chip in them it will cost a couple thousand dollars to replace on some of them. This is because the chip goes with the computer in the engine and the computer will need to recode for the new key. Fleet Management will not cover the cost on lost keys. We encourage that the agency have extra keys made.

New Vehicle Orders: Terry Sisneros is the new contact for the new vehicles going out. So far we have received 223 new vehicles. Our lot is already full, please pick up your vehicles as soon as you get a call that it is ready. Also if you would like to keep your old vehicle for seasonal use please do so, but be sure to notify Terry.

SFM was forced to change our license & registration procedure with DOR & Adams County. It is causing us to have a backlog on plates and registration so be patient with us.

Upcoming Events: There is the Greening State Government event May 22 and 23rd at Colorado School of Mines. We will have a lot of different vehicles there for demo. Will have some ride and drives and information available. Most departments will be represented and will be presenting their best environmental practices.

Legislation: Senate bill 06-015 is still going through the house. This bill modifies the definition of State owned vehicles to include all motor vehicles rated 1 ton & above to be under the direction of SFM with the exception of CDOT.

SB06-016 passed. This is the Bio-diesel bill.

Senate Bill 138: Was amended. This is requiring 10% blend in ethanol. It will escalate a small percentage per year. We could get up to 20-30% blend on ethanol in the future.

Senate Bill 173: Mileage reimbursement for employees is still at \$.28cents per mile. The bill is still being debated.

Senate Bill 224: Trying to restrict use on the black box data. Will limit who can go use the data.

Meeting Ended at 10:45