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## Alternative Power



The 2016 Chevrolet Volts have arrived! Each DAS Fleet location has one on-site, including our three repair facilities and the Buckingham location in Hartford. They will be available as loaners and for daily rentals. Fleet Operations wants each agency and ATA to experience the benefits offered by this technology, so all ATA's are encouraged to arrange a time to try one out, and don't forget to include other employees from your agency who drive DAS-owned vehicles.

When Volts are assigned, a Fleet representative will be certain to communicate any special instructions, and to make sure each driver is comfortable before they drive the car away. Because they have gasoline

engines that seamlessly take over should the battery power wane, performance should always be consistent. And if a situation arises that prohibits charging, the Volt will start under gasoline power just like it does on electric power. That said, Fleet understands that there may be some applications that are not a good match for this vehicle and will respect the wishes of any driver/agency raising valid concern.

Fleet Operations will further expand our fleet of alternatively-powered vehicles in the near future. We have just been approved to receive a grant from the EV Connecticut program. This award will allow us to purchase three Ford Focus models that are 100% electric powered. As of now, two will be assigned as rental vehicles and the third will be leased to UCONN Health. Also, multiple charging stations will be installed in the Morgan Street parking garage and at UCONN in Farmington. This project should be completed in the spring of 2016.

## Vehicle Titles

Typically, when a new vehicle is purchased from a dealer, paperwork goes to DMV to complete a registration, and at some point a title is issued and forwarded to the owner. For state-owned cars and trucks, however, it has been a little different. Since our vehicles do not typically go through the official DMV registration process, agencies retain the Certificate of Origin issued by the manufacturer. The end result is that, historically, titles have not been issued for our vehicles.

This is fine until it is time for cars and trucks to be disposed. Since vehicles are sold through an on-line auction process, the purchaser is often from another state. Because many states do not accept a Certificate of Origin and require an original title to register a vehicle DAS Surplus must apply for a title from DMV to complete the sale – often adding many weeks to the process.

To make the sale process go smoother Surplus has worked with DMV to produce titles when vehicles are first purchased, even though they will be operated on agency plates. Titling vehicles when they are initially purchased saves time and effort for both DAS Surplus and DMV. This proactive step will avoid issues when trying to dispose of those vehicles.

If your agency has any agency-owned vehicles, or is in the process of purchasing new ones, please reach out to Veronica Coty of DAS Surplus at [Veronica.Coty@ct.gov](mailto:Veronica.Coty@ct.gov). She will work with you to get Certificates of Origin replaced with titles to help ensure that your disposal process is problem free.

## Fleet Promotion

*An announcement from  
Fleet Director Frank Sanzo*

For the past several years the Workers' Comp division has handled most interactions with insurance companies relating to accidents involving DAS vehicles. For several reasons, including the retirement of an employee that handled some of these duties, it was decided that going forward automotive claim management would be best served by having it return to Fleet.

With this thought in mind, we have recently held an exam for a Fleet Safety Coordinator to lead all aspects of accident resolution and other safety related activities, including driver training. Additionally the Fleet Safety Coordinator will have a role with shop safety initiatives. To assist the Fleet Safety Coordinator with the day-to-day activities related to claim processing and insurance company communications including claim resolution decisions, it was decided to incorporate these duties into the role of a current employee.

I am pleased to announce that Yanira Segarra has recently been promoted to a Processing Technician. Yanira's new role will be to assist with the responsibilities referenced above along with continuing her current duties that include receiving new vehicles into CORE, reviewing and correcting the monthly billing for agencies and numerous other Fleet activities.

Yanira began her career in State service working part time for Agriculture as a Clerk Typist in December 2006. Yanira has been a Fleet employee since July 2010 when she started as a full-time Office Assistant. In November 2013, Yanira was promoted to Fleet Operations Technician. During her time with Fleet, Yanira has consistently provided excellent customer service and demonstrated a desire to learn, along with the skills to complete her assignments with the highest level of competence.

Please join me in congratulating Yanira and in wishing her much success in her new role.