



# inroads

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**After Hours Emergencies**

Call **1-877-454-4204** (toll-free)  
Your call will be answered through the Department of Environmental Protection Dispatch Office, which will assist you.

**Online**

Go to [www.das.state.ct.us](http://www.das.state.ct.us) and click on **FLEET OPERATIONS** for additional information on fueling locations, accident forms and mileage reports.

You can now rent a car from any of our Fleet maintenance garages! Since launching our new Daily Vehicle Rental Program several months back, with the Hartford administrative office as the sole pick-up location, we have been pleasantly surprised by the demand. The October - December period was our busiest in years. This increase in the daily rentals has encouraged us to move forward and expand the number of locations from which you can rent a car, van or truck. Beginning January 4, in addition to Hartford, we can now also accommodate your short-term vehicle needs

## Daily Vehicle Rental Program

VEHICLE CLASS	HOURLY RATE	DAILY RATE
Compact	\$ 6.00	\$ 29.00
Intermediate	\$ 7.00	\$ 32.00
Mini-van	\$ 7.00	\$ 33.00
Hybrid	\$ 7.00	\$ 34.00
12-Passenger Van	\$ 7.00	\$ 34.00
Box Truck	\$11.00	\$ 52.00

from our Wethersfield, New Haven and Norwich maintenance locations. The same rates, guidelines and reservation system applies.

**Got a question about how this works?**

Everything you need to know is located at the Fleet Operations website link on the DAS home page at [www.das.state.ct.us](http://www.das.state.ct.us).

So spread the word to your staff that DAS can now provide the lowest cost solution to your vehicle needs from three additional locations. And remember, our rates include fuel, so

there is no hassle related to stopping to top-off, and no extra cost - one low fee covers it all. Besides renting by the day, it is also possible to arrange a vehicle for just part of a morning or afternoon, as we have developed hourly rates to provide super low-cost solutions for those occasions when you only need a vehicle for a short period of time. At all locations you will have access to hybrid, compact and mid-size cars. Vans and box trucks are available from every location except Hartford. Give us a call if you have any questions.

## New Phone Numbers!



**Out with the old and in with the new!** As reported a couple of weeks back, the Wethersfield maintenance

garage now has new phone and fax numbers. The new numbers are -

**860-529-0500 phone**

**860-529-0516 fax**

Please update your directories and speed dial numbers accordingly.

## GPS Update

We have an update on the GPS initiative included in Executive Order 22 that was issued by Governor Rell early in 2009. The Governor's Office has reported that they have reviewed DAS' study and remain interested in pursuing the installation of GPS devices in some state-owned vehicles.

However, despite a desire to further explore how GPS could help to support the missions of state agencies, the current fiscal climate just doesn't allow for a pilot program to be funded at this time. Therefore, any testing of GPS systems has been put on hold until resources are available to properly support a field test. We will keep you updated on any new developments.

## Reduced overall mileage and improved fuel mileage - a **Win-Win**

Remember the fleet reduction that took place throughout the first half of 2009? With all of those cars and light duty vehicles being removed from our fleet there surely had to be some savings.

To determine the initial impact of the reduction effort we took a look at some key operational data for the July - September period, since by July 1 all but a handful of the approximately 900 vehicles due back had been returned.

Comparing July - September 2009 with the same period in 2008, results clearly indicate the reduction has provided significant savings to the State in the form of reduced operating costs.

Specifically:

- Total fleet mileage was reduced by 14.75%, or 2,016,891 miles! Besides saving over 2,000,000 miles in just 13 weeks, the overall utilization of the remaining fleet has increased (20% fewer cars – 15% fewer miles).
- Overall fuel mileage improved by 8% (because newer turn-ins enabled us to dispose of many older, less fuel-efficient models.)
- The net impact of fewer miles traveled and higher miles per gallon is that we used a whopping 195,315 fewer gallons of fuel as compared to 2008! This translates into roughly 15,000 gallons of fuel a week, a 21% reduction in fuel consumption and cost.
- Additional savings included reductions in tires, maintenance and repair, along with the costs associated with owning and insuring the approximately 900 vehicles that are no longer part of our fleet.

*Thanks to everyone who participated to make these results possible!*

## Did You Know?

*Fleet InRoads* is also posted on our website. If there are other employees within your agency who could benefit from reading *Inroads* each month, they can just go to the DAS home page at [www.das.state.ct.us](http://www.das.state.ct.us) and click on the Fleet Operations link. Scroll down and find the current issue as well as back issues of *Inroads*.