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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 and click on **FLEET OPERATIONS** for additional information on fueling locations, accident forms and mileage reports.

All systems are go! After much discussion, planning, and review, DAS has launched the new and revised version of a motor vehicle rental pool. It is an easy-to-use, convenient and cost-effective resource designed to accommodate daily, or even hourly rentals. On Monday, September 28, the first Hartford area rental location began operations from the Fleet Administrative Office located at 165 Capitol Avenue.

Interagency Motor Pools

Although the scale is much smaller, the concept is similar to the days when we ran a motor pool at the Legislative Office Building. There are multiple makes and models of cars available, fueled up and ready to go; even a box-truck. In addition to serving long-term vehicle needs with low-cost lease options, DAS can offer rental vehicles as needed - from two hours to two months and everything in between. Think of DAS first for vehicle rentals!

We anticipate that this location will be the first of many that are strategically located to support areas of need throughout the state. With that goal in mind, over the next couple of months we will be fine-tuning things in preparation of expanding this program to other facilities. By the end of 2009, we expect to have rental points up and running in Wethersfield, New Haven and Norwich. And by July 1, 2010, we hope to add at least two additional rental sites elsewhere. Ultimately, this program is driven by agency demand which will dictate the best areas to centralize small fleets of rental vehicles.

The primary purpose behind establishing rental pools is two-fold;

- to offer a cost-effective solution for agencies that only need cars on an intermittent basis, and
- to provide support to agencies, that, as a result of the 20% fleet reduction, find they are sometimes in need of an extra vehicle to meet their business obligations.

Check out the rates – they even include fuel! There are no hassles with worrying about taking the time and finding a station to fill-up to avoid the exorbitant prices charged

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

by other rental companies when a car is returned with a tank that is less than full. DAS rental vehicles come with a full tank of gas which does not need to be replaced upon return, it's all the same price. And, just in case it is necessary to add fuel during use, a fuel key that works at any of the DOT stations throughout the state and Buckingham Street garage is included on the key ring.

To maximize convenience we can now offer an hourly rate! Why rent a car for a whole day if you only need it for an hour or two? Should your plans change, and a three-hour reservation turns into a day-long obligation, just give us a call to let us know. Regarding cost, don't worry as you will never pay more than the daily rate for each day or portion thereof. Once a rental is out more than four hours, the hourly rate converts to the daily rate for the remainder of that 24-hour period.

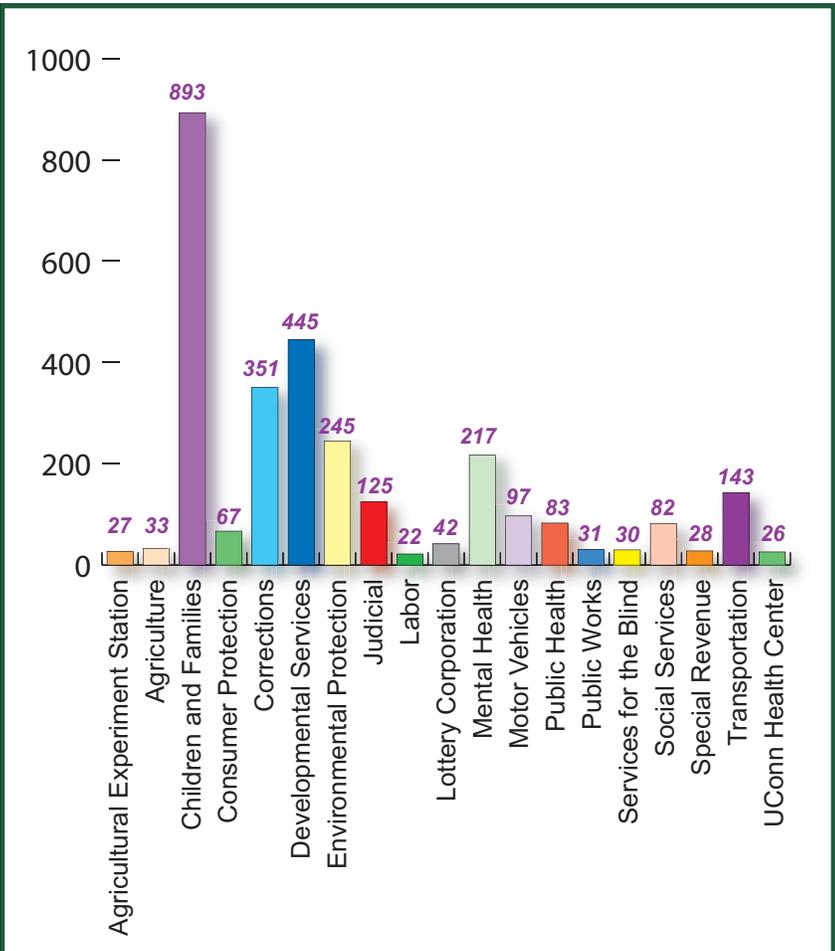
And billing is very convenient! If you currently lease vehicles from DAS, all rentals will show up on your monthly statement along with the vehicles that you lease. If you are not a lease customer you will receive a bill for each month that your agency has rented cars. In all cases there will be back-up documentation for all rentals along with the transfer invoice. Another potential benefit of using this rental service is to replace the use of mileage reimbursement to employees for using their personal vehicle to complete agency business.

So how does it work? All you need to do is call DAS Fleet at (860) 713-5160 to make a reservation. You will receive instructions on how to pick up your vehicle and where it can be returned. And should you need to park a personal car while out with the rental that can be arranged as well. Once we confirm your reservation, the classification of the vehicle that you requested will be held for you. If your plans change all you need to do is give us a call, or send an email.

Have a specific need that you don't see on our rate schedule? Not a problem, we make every attempt to accommodate everyone's needs. If the vehicle you are seeking is not listed in the motor pool, we may have it available in our fleet, which we could provide as a rental with only a day or two notice. Pick up and return of vehicle would likely be from the Wethersfield garage.

In the near future we will be posting our rates and reservation processes, along with the program's procedures, on the Fleet Operations website. Just go to the DAS website (www.das.state.ct.us) and look for Fleet Operations, or visit fleet.ct.gov and click on the Fleet Operations home button on the upper right.

Whenever you need temporary transportation think of DAS Fleet! We offer late model vehicles at a low cost, and hassle-free fueling and billing. When packaged all together it adds up to an exceptional value and the highest level of convenience.



VEHICLE COUNTS – Above are the current vehicle totals for all agencies with more than 20 vehicles after the completion of the 20% fleet reduction ordered by Governor Rell in January of this year.

Don't Forget

DOT fuel stations will be closed on Friday, October 9 for their final furlough day of 2009. The fuel station at Buckingham Street will be open.