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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.

In January, Governor Rell issued Executive Order 22 requiring DAS to complete a feasibility study on using Global Positioning tracking systems in Connecticut's passenger car and light truck fleet by October 1, 2009. This process is well under way. To date, we have identified and met with 12 agencies that use approximately 65% of DAS' 4,000

## Global Positioning Systems (GPS)

vehicles. After an initial group meeting that covered the basic concept and functionality of GPS systems, participating agencies were asked to conduct internal reviews to determine if GPS systems could help them to better complete their mission. Follow-up meetings were held in May to give agencies the opportunity to share their findings with DAS Fleet staff.

Upon concluding the agency meetings, we have found that most agencies have a significant level of interest in how this technology can assist them with carrying out their mission. The ability to more quickly and efficiently respond to emergency calls is just one of the major benefits identified by several agencies.

The next steps include some additional research on specific features, benefits and costs of each type of system before finalizing the study and reporting back to the Governor's Office by the October 1 deadline. Besides benefits and cost, considerations that need to be addressed in our final report will include our findings on effectiveness, possible audit procedures and any impact that using these devices may have upon collective bargaining agreements.

If your agency was not a participant in this study, but would like some information on GPS systems, we would be glad to forward a copy of the presentation materials. Just contact our office at 713-5160.

Once our final report has been completed and reviewed we will provide an update on the status of our findings and what any future steps might entail.

## More Retirements

With the deadline for the RIP fast approaching, additional Fleet employees have made the decision that now is the best time for them to step away from state employment and move on to other things.

• **Eric Bengston** – Leaves with 23 years of service as a QCW

in Wethersfield

• **Leroy Davis** – Has spent 23 years as a QCW, first in Hartford and then Wethersfield

• **Calvin Halliday** – A maintainer in Hartford and Wethersfield for the past 20 years

We thank them for their contributions and wish them all the best in the future.

The departure of our Wethersfield Parts and Shop Supervisors has left open critical positions. To help ensure that we are providing the best possible service and support to our customers and employees, we are making the following changes effective Monday, June 1:

- **Dave Marsh**, a 20-year DAS Fleet employee and the Maintenance Supervisor 2 in New Haven for the past three plus years, has transferred to Wethersfield. Among the skills that Dave brings are technical expertise and a customer service focus.

## Staff Changes

- Moving to New Haven will be **Dave Tufano**, a 19-year DAS Fleet veteran. For the past four and a half years Dave has very capably served as a Maintenance Supervisor 1 in Wethersfield and has proven that he is ready for this new challenge.

- Joining the Wethersfield team as the key man in the parts room is **Wayne Stocking**. Wayne is a 34-year DAS employee who previously worked in our shop parts rooms for eight years from 1995 – 2003. During this period he worked in each of our maintenance facilities. For the past six years Wayne has been working with the DAS Food Distribution Program, but he just couldn't get the thousands of car part numbers out of his head, so he became interested in returning to Fleet. Welcome back Wayne!

We are fortunate and thankful that we were able to call upon experienced DAS employees to step into these key roles, and wish each of them much success in their new assignments!

Our Wethersfield maintenance facility is testing a pilot program for a slightly different work schedule this summer. The new schedule began Tuesday, May 26 and we expect it to continue until Labor Day. During this period all employees will begin their day at 7:00 AM and end it at 3:00 PM. We hope these hours can better support the fleet needs of agencies that have an early start to their day. Additional benefits of the earlier schedule will include less exposure to the afternoon heat for our shop staff, and lower energy costs by shutting down office and break room air conditioners earlier in the day. As in the

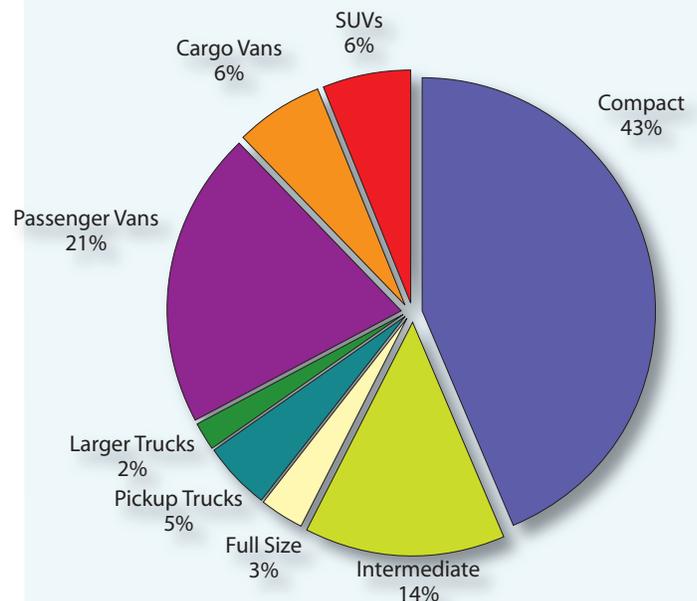
## Summer Hours

past, vehicle breakdowns that occur after we have closed we will be handled by the emergency number posted on our web page (1-877-454-4204).

Over the next few weeks we will determine if this is something that will be expanded to other locations, or repeated in future years. If you have any feedback, one way or the other, please let us know.

Our New Haven and Norwich locations will continue to operate on an 8 a.m.-4 p.m. schedule.

## Fleet Facts



This month we are taking a look at the current make-up of our Fleet by vehicle type. Although we are in the final stages of a significant reduction in the DAS Fleet, the percentage type has remained fairly constant.