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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: <http://das.ct.gov> and click on **FLEET OPERATIONS** for additional information on fueling locations, accident forms and mileage reports.

Mileage Down MPG up

We have a win-win situation reducing our overall fuel consumption. Over the past couple of years the combination of more fuel-efficient vehicles and a reduction in miles traveled have combined to lower the annual amount of fuel used by 461,000 gallons! That's almost 9,000 gallons less per week! How big is 9000 gallons? Picture this - the tanker trucks that deliver fuel to gas stations typically hold approximately 7,500 gallons. And when you do the math on how that impacts the overall budget the numbers are even more impressive. In recent years, after excluding state and federal taxes, our cost for unleaded gasoline

has been more than \$3.00 per gallon. Multiplying the number of gallons reduced by \$3.00 comes to almost \$1.5 million dollars in fuel costs saved annually compared to previous years.

YEAR	MILEAGE(1)	FUEL USED (2)	MPG
2009	46,824,097	2,134,620	21.9
2010	44,388,258	1,926,201	23.0
2011	42,346,195	1,673,436	25.3

(1) Compiled from the monthly entries made for each vehicle in the DAS fleet

(2) Total from the entire network of DOT fuel locations. This total does not include any fuel supplied from non-DOT locations, or purchased from retail locations.

GPS Update

The Department of Children and Families has been given approval to conduct a short-term pilot program to install GPS systems in eight DAS-owned cars. During the trial period they hope to verify the benefits of GPS monitoring, as well as identify any potential problems. DCF has elected to "live" test systems – they provide real time information on each vehicle location, direction, etc. GPS systems also record key data such as number of stops, where, how long, route traveled and instance of speed above an established level.

What are the potential benefits for installing GPS? They include ability to respond to situations quicker by redirecting resources, and lowering costs by realizing savings in mileage/fuel etc. Having specific knowledge of a vehicle location at any given time will also be beneficial in verifying and addressing complaints generated from the "Am I Driving Safely" system.

Although this review is being done independently of Fleet and DAS, we remain interested in the results, as many other agencies have expressed interest in installing GPS to improve their services.

We will keep in contact with DCF to inquire about their findings and future recommendations, and will report what we learn.