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

Fleet Rates

We continue to implement support information and documents to ease the transition from the previously used “class” based rate system to the “cost” based system that was recently introduced.

One feature that we think will be helpful is a *rate chart*. This document will show exactly what Fleet charges for each of its leased vehicles. Categories are in \$1,000 increments, and each has an associated rate. In addition to vehicle cost, another component of each rate is an administrative and maintenance fee that also includes insurance (it’s the same for all vehicles). A final component is a calculation for the anticipated salvage value of a vehicle. It is based upon the vehicle purchase price and our most recent amounts for vehicles disposed of at auction.

Any employee who has been granted access to the billing section of the Fleet/Biznet site will be able to access the rate chart. All they need to do is log in and go to **>Reports**.

We hope that users find this information to be helpful, not only with the day-to-day management of their DAS vehicles, but also for budget planning.



Overnight Parking

GL115 requires all vehicles to be parked at a state-owned location each night (with limited exceptions granted for situations when parking a vehicle at an employee’s home provides enhanced safety and/or efficiency). With this thought in mind we have revised the Fleet webpage to provide ATAs additional information on how to best handle circumstances when parking a vehicle at a site other than the primary work location is in the state’s/agency’s best interest.

The section previously known as “*Home Garaging*” has been renamed “*Overnight Parking*” and now includes a link to a form titled “*Procedures for Parking DAS/Fleet vehicles at DOT facilities.*”

Here is how it looks online:

Overnight Parking

In general, all state-owned and rental vehicles must be parked overnight at state-owned or leased facilities.

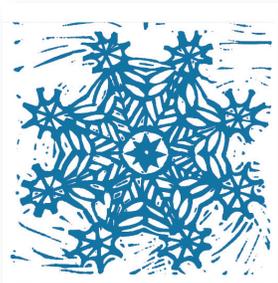
- Procedure for parking DAS/Fleet vehicles at DOT facilities
- DOT facility listing
- DOT facility key request
- Permission to garage a state vehicle at home

Click on [Fleet Operations](#)

Snow on Cars

We initially ran this story last winter, but since we are in primetime for snow and ice we thought it would be a good idea to re-run it as ATAs, along with supervisors/managers who have fleet responsibilities, will receive inquiries pertaining to removing snow and ice.

With winter upon us we will no doubt be faced with inclement conditions before long. With that thought in mind we encourage all agencies to remind their drivers to remove snow and ice from their vehicles before venturing out.



Some may recall hearing that Connecticut has passed a law that makes snow removal a requirement. While that is true, the law has yet to be enacted. Here are the details;

Passed by the legislature on June 8, 2010, this new law will go into effect December 31, 2013.

An Act Concerning the Removal of Snow and Ice from Motor Vehicles (Public Act No. 10-182) reads, in part:

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective December 31, 2013) (a) The operator of any motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes, shall remove any accumulated ice or snow from such motor vehicle, including the hood, trunk and roof of such motor vehicle, so that any ice or snow accumulated on such vehicle does not pose a threat to persons or property while the vehicle is being operated on any street or highway of this state. Any operator who fails to remove accumulated ice or snow that poses such a threat shall be fined seventy-five dollars.

(b) If the operator of a non-commercial motor vehicle violates the provisions of this section and snow or ice is dislodged from such vehicle and causes personal injury or property damage, the operator shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars but not more than one thousand dollars for each offense.

The fleet vehicles are not commercial vehicles unless they meet one or more of the following conditions; “Commercial motor vehicle” means a vehicle designed or used to transport passengers or property... which (A) has a gross vehicle weight rating of twenty six thousand one pounds or more, or a gross combination weight rating of twenty six thousand one pounds or more, inclusive of a towed unit or units with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than ten thousand pounds; (B) is designed to transport sixteen or more passengers, including the driver, or is designed to transport more than ten passengers, including the driver, and is used to transport students under the age of 21 years to and from school; or (C) is transporting hazardous materials and is required to be placarded in accordance with 49 CFR 172, Subpart F, as amended, or any quantity of a material listed as a select agent or toxin in 42 CFR Part 73;

Let's encourage all drivers of state-owned vehicles to follow this practice from this point forward so we are fully compliant when the law goes into effect!