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

## Budgeting for New Cars

Two and a half years after the moratorium on new vehicle purchases was lifted we are still feeling the impact of not replacing vehicles in 2009 and 2010. This backlog has presented numerous challenges for both DAS and our many customers. Thankfully, the purchases of the last two years have allowed us to chip away at our deficit by addressing the areas of greatest concern.

While we cannot predict the future, DAS and Fleet can report that we plan to continue replacing our oldest and highest mileage cars and trucks next year. We have developed and submitted a replacement budget now awaiting approval. Assuming we get the green light, vehicles that are model year 2007 and older, with over 100,000 miles, will be the first to go. Then as funding allows, we will focus on vehicles that are just as old, but with lower mileage.

Regarding rates, remember that your monthly lease cost is simply our administration fee, which is currently \$186, once a vehicle has become fully depreciated (typically in 72 months). Therefore, if agencies are using old vehicles that are fully depreciated they will be charged lower fees until those vehicles are replaced. Looking forward, expect that any vehicles currently being charged the lower \$186 rate will be replaced at some point during FY 2014. If our resources or manufacturer schedules do not allow for replacements to happen, then you will receive the use of a vehicle at a lower cost than budgeted.

We hope to be able to report that our replacement budget has been approved in the near future.

## Best Wishes to Bob Negri



As June comes to an end so too will Bob Negri's career in state service, as he is retiring effective July 1. Bob is our Material Storage Supervisor at the New Haven location. His 25 years of state service have all been with DAS, beginning at the Central Warehouse where he worked as a meat packer, and in the dry warehouse before moving to Fleet Operations nineteen years ago.

Bob's first Fleet stop was at our Seymour location which supported vehicles in the western part of the state, located right off Route 8. When

Seymour was closed in January of 2000, Bob transferred to New Haven where he has been responsible for all parts room activities ever since.

We thank Bob for his many years of service to DAS, and for all of his contributions – especially for effectively running the parts operation of New Haven. We extend our best wishes to both Bob and his wife, Brenda, for many years of health and happiness.