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## New Rates



For nearly 100% of the agencies that lease cars from DAS Fleet, the monthly bill that arrived in your mail on August 1 brought a pleasant surprise – lower cost!

Why a reduction? Recently, Fleet Operations has been able to capture an increased percentage of the original purchase price when fully depreciated vehicles are sold at auction. Since the fiscal model can only charge the amount necessary to cover our expenses, recovering more at time of disposal allows us to charge less while they are in service.

This year's expense review of the Fleet program also indicated that it was necessary to increase our administrative fee for the first time since 2012. That rate has changed from \$186 to \$188 per vehicle, per month. However, the boost in disposal revenue more than offsets the roughly 1% increase that we have had in administrative costs, hence an overall reduction for agencies.

Fleet Operations encourages you to review the leasing invoice with whomever assists with vehicle administration duties, as this would be a good time to update the rate information in your database. Let us know if you have any questions.

Fleet Operations has been informed that funding to purchase replacement vehicles, primarily for those that are over six years old, has been authorized and allocated for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

## Vehicle Replacement Budget

Because of purchasing moratoriums in 2009-2010 we are still behind in replacing vehicles per the stated six-year guideline. However, over the past two years we've made inroads into our backlog of older vehicles and look forward to further minimizing the deficit by year end. At

our current rate of progress we should be at or near our targeted replacement cycle by the end of fiscal year 2016-2017.

Before vehicles are ordered for replacement Fleet Operations typically reaches out to users to confirm what type of vehicle an agency desires as a replacement. This process is used to avoid the potential of us procuring a vehicle that doesn't meet an agency's current needs. However, we have no objection if an agency wants to be proactive and changes vehicle requirements. Feel free at any time to reach out to Jim to discuss what type of vehicle will best serve your agency.