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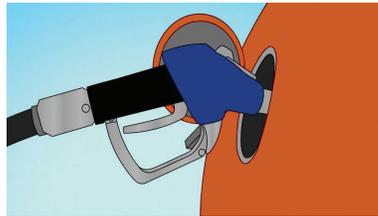
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Your call will be answered through
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Online
Go to:
<http://das.ct.gov> and click on **FLEET OPERATIONS** for additional information on fueling locations, accident forms and mileage reports.

Cheap Gas



We all know the impact lower prices at the pump has had on our personal budgets, now think about the fuel bill for 3,500 vehicles. It's a big number in the best of circumstances.

With gas prices dropping almost daily, filling our vehicles has become far more fiscally palatable than back in the days of \$4.00 plus per gallon. And the lower cost isn't just at retail stations, the State of Connecticut has also been a beneficiary of the oil glut, created by the current situation of far more supply than demand. Like your local gas dealer, the fuel used by DOT at its stations is priced based on current market conditions (except with no profit

margin), so we are able to realize the benefits associated with lower prices, both as users and as taxpayers. And what a benefit it is!

Approximately 250,000 gallons of gasoline are currently pumped from the 68 stations under DOT jurisdiction every month. In addition to the drop in price, government agencies are not subject to Connecticut state fuel tax, affording us an even lower net cost. For example, the price of gas pumped at a DOT station on a day in late February was \$1.40 per gallon. That's over two dollars per gallon less than our peak cost, which occurred back in 2008. So what does it all add up to? Based on our annual consumption the recent reduction translates into a savings to the State of over six million dollars annually!

We encourage each agency to fuel at DOT stations whenever possible. This will help ensure that your agency is paying the lowest possible cost for fuel, and saving you from having to file for rebates of state tax for any fuel that is purchased at a retail station.

A few weeks back, Phil, our little friend in Pennsylvania, didn't see his shadow, which, according to those who believe, means that we are going to have an early spring. When you think of spring cleaning don't forget your vehicles. DAS provides coupons, both 'Wash Only' and 'Full Service' to help keep our fleet clean. Should you need coupons just contact Amanda in Fleet Operations.

Got a Dirty Car?

The Fleet page of the DAS website includes a list of locations where these coupons may be used, and the cost is picked up by DAS/Fleet.