

Presentation to the House General Government Appropriations Committee

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Division of Motor Fleet Management

Background



- Motor Fleet Management (MFM) was created by the General Assembly in January 1982.
- Its purpose is to provide safe and cost efficient motor vehicle transportation for all state agencies and employees in the performance of their official duties.
- All state agencies, including universities, except for SBI, ALE, Highway Patrol and University Law Enforcement are required to utilize MFM for their passenger vehicle needs.



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Responsibilities

- Establish and operate a central motor pool and subsidiary related facilities.
(GS 143-341 (8)1)
- Acquire, maintain, store, repair and replace passenger vehicular transportation needed by state agencies in the performance of official duties.
- Agencies are charged for use of vehicles on a per-mile basis plus a \$35 flat monthly fee to cover all actual expenses, including gas, maintenance, repairs and replacement.
- Current fleet includes 7,577 passenger vehicles (February 8, 2012)
- Provides after-hours emergency vehicle service through State Capitol Police (including holidays and weekends).



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Services

- Motor Fleet Management is located in Raleigh on Blue Ridge Road. Its garage repairs and maintains as many vehicles as possible in the Raleigh area.
- Vehicles outside of the Raleigh area are primarily maintained and repaired by local authorized service centers.
- Motor Fleet maintains sub compact, midsize, full size, SUVs and four wheel drive vehicles to meet the various needs of state agencies.



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Alternative Fuel

- The Division maintains a refueling station at their facility on Blue Ridge Road in Raleigh. Both E-10 and E-85 are available at this location.
- Additional locations for E-85 are listed on the website and included in the glove box materials. The State of NC fuel credit card (Wright Express) is accepted at all of these posted commercial sites.
- Of the 7,577 vehicles in the fleet, 5,389 fleet vehicles are either flex fuel or hybrid. Flex fuel vehicles can use either E-10 or E-85. (February 8, 2012)
- The State of North Carolina has term contracts to purchase alternate fuel (E-85, E-10 and B-20)
- In 2009-2011, use of Alternate Fuel (E85) as a percentage of the total fuel used ranged from 7.5-8 percent.
- Division Strategic Initiative (Performance Plan) includes an education program for drivers to increase the use of alternative fuels.



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Excerpt from the MFM Regulations Handbook:

■ **Section V: Gasoline Purchases**

- Gasoline purchases should be obtained from MFM facilities or other state owned facilities except when state-owned facilities are closed, when travel is out-of-state, or when it is more cost-effective to buy commercially.
- When available, E-85 or E-10 fuel should be purchased for flex-fuel vehicles. Otherwise, only regular unleaded gasoline from self service pumps (except those who have a physical handicap that would prevent the pumping from self-service pumps) is permitted to be purchased from commercial pumps.)

■ **Section XI: Alternative Fuels**

- Motor Fleet Management promotes the use of alternative fuels.
- At the Motor Fleet Management facility located on Blue Ridge Road, the following alternative fuels are available: *Ethanol (E-85) and * E-10
- Drivers are required to use alternative fuel in their assigned vehicle whenever the alternative fuel is available. A current list of commercial E-85 fueling sites can be found at: <http://www.e85fuel.com/>



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Accomplishments



- On January 1, 2012, Motor Fleet implemented a new billing practice which charges agencies only for the miles they use plus a \$35 flat fee each month. At the same time, the mileage rate was decreased by one cent for all vehicle types.
- Since July 1, 2011, Division has saved more than \$50,00 in parts purchases by using quality parts of vehicles that have been damaged in a collision or from high-mileage vehicles that were deemed unsafe for use.



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Accomplishments, continued

- Implemented vehicle reallocation process/procedures recognizing designation of agency-based vehicle coordinators responsible for a more aggressive review of usage. Vehicles not meeting mileage requirements or eligible for exemptions are reallocated to agencies in need.
- Formalized required preventive maintenance schedule to ensure safety and long-term use of vehicles. Agencies that do not respond to notices for required vehicle maintenance risk loss of that vehicle.
- Training and assistance have been developed and provided to enable vehicle coordinators to better manage assigned resources and improve overall fleet management.
- Service improvements include establishment of a “mini-motor pool” downtown to improve access to vehicles needed on short notice and duration.
- Stronger mechanism established to ensure that agencies respond when reports of misuse are forwarded to them and to take action when warranted.

