

## **OFM News:**

### **OFM Introduces Interactive Training Program for CAFM Candidates**

On January 5, 2011 Jason Bartholow met with agency Fleet Managers who are currently pursuing fleet manager certification through the National Association of Fleet Administrators (NAFA) as the Certified Automotive Fleet Manager (CAFM). To become CAFM-certified, an applicant must pass a series of comprehensive examinations to demonstrate expertise in the eight disciplines of automotive fleet management: fleet information management, maintenance management, professional development, vehicle fuel management, asset management, business management, financial management, and risk management. OFM has implemented a new method for exam preparation. The new method will focus on specific modules to allow participants to interact while preparing for the exam. OFM anticipates that this approach will help fleet managers attain certification more efficiently that goal faster and easier.

### **Vehicle Procurement Data Centralized**

We have added a new section to our website that captures the vehicle procurement data in one place. Now from one location you will be able to view manufacturer delivery reports, vehicle build-out reports, vehicle contract information, and contract addendum info as they are released. The manufacturer status reports will be updated twice a month and the remaining items will be updated as needed. [OFM](#)

### **Alternative Fuel Use Goals Met for 2011**

Once again the State of Ohio agencies have joined together to meet the state's 2011 annual goal for the use of alternative fuels. This year's efforts surpassed the ethanol (E85) goal of 85,000 gallons by 13% and the bio-diesel (B20) goal of 1.5M gallons by 75.8%. The agencies making a major contribution to meeting the AFV goals this year were Department of Rehabilitation & Corrections (DRC), Department of Transportation (DOT), Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Department of Administrative Services (DAS) contributing over 63% of the total usage. DOT made a major contribution to meeting this year's bio-diesel goal with using over 2.5M gallons alone. DRC and DNR also had significant usage for the year contributing a little over 160,000 gallons. Read more at [Scorecard](#)

## **General Fleet News (National):**

### **Ethanol Subsidies ended January 1, 2012. Will That Raise or Lower Gas Prices At The Pumps?**

Gasoline prices keep going up and not just gasoline, but also diesel, kerosene, heating oil and so on! It just cost more and more to get your personal vehicle and the State vehicle from point A to point B. In fact, it is as expensive now as it has ever been, and it's probably going to get worse before it gets any better. This month, the federal government stopped the 45-cent-a-gallon subsidy to ethanol producers. It is predicted by AAA that this amounts to approximately 4.5 cents more at the pumps. Read more at [Ethanol](#). So before you get behind the wheel of the State vehicle, ask yourself, "Is this trip really necessary?" Can I carpool with others?

## **Mark Your Calendar:**

### **Upcoming Training**

Thursday, February 2, 2012 CAFM study session will be held from 9:00 a.m., until 2:00 p.m., in the Buckeye Room at 4200 Surface Road. **For enrollment or additional information**, please contact Jason Bartholow at [Jason.Bartholow@das.state.oh.us](mailto:Jason.Bartholow@das.state.oh.us)

Wednesday, February 22, 2012 – Defensive Driving Awareness Class will be held from 9:00 a.m., until 3:00 p.m. in the Willow/Walnut Conference Rooms 4200 Surface Road. **Pre-registration is required**--please contact: Marcia Disinger at [Marcia.Disinger@das.state.oh.us](mailto:Marcia.Disinger@das.state.oh.us) Telephone: 614-466-5063.

Thursday, February 23, 2012 – Fleet Ohio Data Entry Level Training will be held from 12:30 p.m., – 4:30 p.m., Birch Conference Room, 4200 Surface Road, Columbus, Ohio. Pre-registration is required—please complete training request form on OFM website at [Training Request Form](#)

### **Useful Links:**

OFM can be reached at (614) 466-6607 or 800-686-1521 or [dasfleet@das.state.oh.us](mailto:dasfleet@das.state.oh.us). Please use OFM Newsletter as the email subject.

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