

OFM News:

Smoking Prohibited - Did you know that your state vehicle is a workplace, and smoking is prohibited in “public places” and “places of employment” in Ohio? Read Executive Summary: [Smoke-Free Workplace Act](#) . Over the past few months we have received multiple complaints coming in from concerned citizens in reference to State employees smoking in a State vehicle.

Alternative Fuel Usage - Earlier this month you received an email from our office with the Alternative Fuel Scorecards for June. In that email you were asked to review your agency numbers and were reminded that by law State agencies are required to purchase alternative fuels for use in State vehicles. Please remind your drivers that not all state vehicles run on E85 and they should verify the acceptable fuel types for the vehicle prior to fueling.

Since our initial email we have received a number of inquiries from agencies as to how they are going to accomplish this goal. In particular, they have asked where they can purchase fuel for their vehicles. In the Ohio there are 284 Alternative Fuel Service stations, the following link <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/locator/stations/> can be used to locate an Alternative Fuel Station. Keep in mind that you should use the station closest to your path of travel.

OFM Launches Motor Pool Initiatives: What? Gas prices have dropped slightly! Still given the good news about the drop the Office of Fleet Management (OFM) is committed to utilizing the most cost effective method of travel to conduct state business. As you all know, the price of gas is a major factor in travel expenses, so cutting down on gas usage is vital.

OFM is offering some ways we intend on conserving, by asking our customers to assist us in our endeavors:

- Ridesharing – having more people using one vehicle, ridesharing reduces the travel costs such as fuel. In addition ridesharing is also seen as a more environmentally friendly and sustainable way to travel it reduces carbon emissions, traffic congestion on the roads, and the need for parking spaces.
- Vehicle Selection --Rightsizing or optimization evaluations (midsize verses compact) to help determine the appropriate size vehicles being requested (i.e., number of passengers, destination of travelers).

With your assistance OFM will be able to continue our conservation efforts to reduce our fuel cost.

Mark Your Calendar:

Upcoming Training: Thursday, July 26, 2012 - Fleet Ohio Data Entry Level Training will be held from 12:30 p.m., – 4:00 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](#). Additional training opportunities may be found on our website.

Useful Links: OFM can be reached at (614) 466-6607, 800-686-1521, or dasfleet@das.state.oh.us. Please use OFM Newsletter as the email subject. OFM website: [OFM \(http://das.ohio.gov/Divisions/GeneralServices/FleetManagement.aspx\)](http://das.ohio.gov/Divisions/GeneralServices/FleetManagement.aspx)