

## **OFM News:**

**Ohio Prohibits Texting:** Ohio became the 39<sup>th</sup> state to prohibit texting behind the wheel for all drivers. On June 1 Governor Kasich signed [HB 99](#) a bill that bans texting while driving. [Ohio Bans Texting](#)

**Roadside Assistance:** Vehicle disabled, who do you, call after hours? The National Automobile Club (NAC) provides emergency roadside assistance to state of Ohio vehicles through the Voyager state fleet card. The services include towing, tire change, jump starts, fuel & water delivery, and lockout service. If one of your employees should find themselves needing assistance, remind them to follow the instructions on the brochure in their packets. The employee will need their Voyager card number to arrange for service. In the event that the card is not available contact Voyager and they will work with NAC to arrange service. The number to NAC is 1-800-934-6521.

**Vehicle Purchases Closed for FY12:** The last vehicle requisition for fiscal year 2012 was processed for the Department of Natural Resources on the afternoon of June 15<sup>th</sup>. During the year state agencies submitted 409 requisitions for the acquisition of over 1,300 vehicles. In preparation for next year's acquisitions Fleet Management will be meeting with State Procurement to review the events of this year to ascertain if process changes are necessary.

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

What? Lower gas prices!! The average gas price has come down about 40 cents, or 10%, since the peak near \$4 a gallon in early April. [Gas Price Stimulus](#)

**Supplier Updates:** U.S. Bank Fleet announces five new U.S. Bank Fleet Commander™ *Online* enhancements that strengthen system security, track unauthorized fleet card use and improve the overall ease of using Fleet Commander™ *Online*. The new features will be available to you on **June 17, 2012**. Read more at [New Features](#)

## **Mark Your Calendar:**

**Upcoming Training:** Wednesday, August 29, 2012 - Defensive Driving Awareness class will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Walnut Room, 4200 Surface Road, Columbus, OH. Pre-registration is required. To register for this free training, email your contact information to [marcia.disinger@das.state.oh.us](mailto:marcia.disinger@das.state.oh.us). This is a basic driver awareness class and is a fast paced program focusing on the importance of attitude in accident prevention and avoidance. In addition, the good driving skills students already possess are reinforced, making this an ideal refresher. We emphasize the consequences of poor choices made behind the wheel and put defensive driving into a personal context.

**Useful Links:** OFM can be reached at (614) 466-6607, 800-686-1521, or [dasfleet@das.state.oh.us](mailto: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)