

OFM News:

Vehicle Complaints

As springtime rapidly approaches it is important for all state employees operating a state vehicle to remember that they are in the public eye when traveling on state business. Since January, 2012 our office has noticed a slight increase in citizen calls against state vehicle operators. The activities reported reference excessive speed, erratic driving, traffic violations, use of a cell phone, the transportation of non-state employees, and state vehicles being parked in locations that are not perceived as proper. As part of the process when calls are received they are reported to the agency fleet coordinator for follow-up. Please take a moment and review the state's policy on the [Authorized/Unauthorized Use of State Motor Vehicle](#).

If your agency is interested, the Office of Risk Management offers defensive driving classes to any state employee at **no charge** to the agency. The course addresses the importance of attitude and behavior in preventing accidents. To sign up for this class you will need to contact Marcia Disinger, Safety Manager, at 614-466-5063, or email her at Marcia.disinger@das.state.oh.us

Law (Headlights On When Wipers On)

At the beginning of 2009, a new law went into effect that requires vehicles to have their headlights on anytime their windshield wipers are being used. Remember, [Headlights On](#) when it's raining!

Ohio Driver's License

Is your Ohio Driver's License expiring soon? It is usually with the sheerest of luck that many of us notice in time to get our licenses renewed before they expire. However, it is essential that all of our employees who drive State vehicles keep their licenses current. During the month of February, the OFM began checking ODL's of those employees who were requesting vehicles from the Surface Road motor pool and found that there were some whose license had expired on their recent birthdate and some who were within days of expiring because of an upcoming birthdate. If your license expires you will **not** under the new FleetOhio system be able to make a reservation for a vehicle.

Maps

By now or within the next few days you will be receiving a supply of current Ohio maps. Please make sure the current maps are in all state vehicles. Additional maps are available from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) at [Map Order Request](#)

[New Motor Pool Reservation Instructions](#) can be found on the Fleet website under [Motor Pool Instructions](#).

Recall

[The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company](#) has issued important recall information on our web page under State Related Vehicle Recall updates: [Goodyear Tire Recall Notice](#).

Vendor News

[New Fleet Commander™ Online Enhancements](#) U.S. Bank announces several new U.S. Bank Fleet Commander™ online enhancements on our web page under [Supplier Updates](#)

Mark Your Calendar:

Upcoming Training

Thursday, March 29, 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. 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)