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Your call will be answered through
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Online

Go to:
<http://das.ct.gov> and click on **FLEET
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1988

The year was 1988, automobile companies, or divisions named Plymouth, Oldsmobile, Saab and Pontiac were thriving, and according to the EPA, a new fuel-efficient Honda Accord with an automatic transmission achieved 20 MPG in city driving. My how things have changed! One constant from then until now is that Pam

Bowe has worked for Fleet Operations. She began her career on Friday March 25, 1988 as a Data Entry Operator. Here we are, 29 years later and Pam is still with us, although, unfortunately, not for much longer. Unless she changes her mind, Pam plans to transition into the world of retirement sometime within the next few months.

During her time with Fleet Pam has held several job titles, including Office Assistant, and since 2009, Fleet Operations Technician. Over the past eight years Pam has supported Fleet by being our primary contact for all vehicle assignments. Her performance in this role has been consistent with how she has handled everything that she has been assigned over the years, providing excellent customer service, attention to detail, timeliness and a very high level of accuracy. Once Pam is gone we will miss the unparalleled level of thoroughness and dedication that she has applied to her responsibilities, along with the many valuable insights that she shares in her unofficial role of department historian.

We thank Pam for her many years of exemplary service to the State, DAS and Fleet, and wish her and Bobby nothing but the best as they move on to the next chapter of their lives.

And what else was going on in 1988?

- The cost of gas was under \$1.00 per gallon
- The average price of a four-door sedan was \$7,200
- On March 30 the UCONN men's basketball team won the NIT championship in Madison Square Garden
- Paul Newman opened the Hole In The Wall Gang Camp in Ashford, CT
- Tolls were removed from Route 15 and I-95
- Dow Jones closed the year at 2,168, having crashed the previous year
- Minimum wage was \$4.25
- In-state tuition at UCONN was \$2,133
- The 1988-1989 UCONN woman's basketball team played in the NCAA tournament for the first time – and has been back every year since
- Yale New Haven performed the first bone marrow and heart lung transplants in CT
- Mystic Pizza was released. Rain Man, Big and Die Hard were also in the theaters. A ticket cost \$3.50
- Sonny Bono was elected mayor of Palm Springs California
- A postage stamp was raised to \$.25 cents, 2% milk cost \$1.89, a dozen eggs \$.65, pork chops \$.40 per lb., and an IBM PC with 30Mb hard disk, mono monitor and 512k memory would set you back \$1,249.

Out of State Driving Histories

Per General Letter 115, agencies are required to have the driving histories reviewed for any non-state employee who will be driving a DAS-owned vehicle. The Department of Motor Vehicles has graciously provided us this service at no cost to Fleet, or to the user agency. However, they have reminded us that they do not have the ability to obtain the driving records of out-of-state drivers.

Should you have a situation involving an out-of-state driver, we suggest you place the burden of providing the record on that person. Have them obtain a copy of their history (not more than 30 days prior to the request) for review before a decision is made.

Rental Car Billing

From time to time, Fleet Operations receives an inquiry on how billing works for our daily rental program. Amanda has put this explanation together which you may find helpful.

The rental records are priced per day (6:30 AM to 6:30 PM) at the hourly rate until it exceeds the daily rate, then the vehicle will be charged at the daily rate.

- **Example 1** : Vehicle A picked up Day 1, 8am to 10am = 2 hours at \$7 (hourly rate) equals \$14 for this rental
- **Example 2**: Vehicle B picked up Day 1, 8am to 3pm = 7 hours multiplied by \$7 (hourly rate) equals \$49 Since the daily rate of Vehicle B is \$34, the rate billed will only be at the daily rate of \$34
- **Example 3**: Vehicle C picked up Day 1, 8am and returned Day 2 9:00am.
DAY 1: 8am to 6:30pm - 10.5 hours x \$7 hour equals \$70.50, more than the daily rate of \$34, therefore the charge for Day 1 is \$34
DAY 2: 6:30am to 9:00am - 2.5 hours x \$7 hour equals \$17.50
TOTAL CHARGE - \$34.00 plus \$17.50 equals **\$51.50**

Note that any pricing in the **Rental Records** section of Fleet Wave for a daily rental is just an estimate. The system calculates using only two decimal places for rounding. When the bill is generated, the system calculates to the exact amount using all decimal places needed. This is why you may see up to a \$0.02 difference between the rental record estimate and the actual amount on the bill.

If there is a question from an auditor we can work with them to provide any documentation needed.