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OPERATIONS** for additional infor-
mation on fueling locations, acci-
dent forms and mileage reports.

And the Recalls Just Keep Coming...

In the last two weeks of September, both Chrysler and Ford announced major recalls on their vehicles. Chrysler indicated that 350,000 2008 Chrysler and Jeep vehicles had potential ignition switch issues. Of the models identified, the Dodge Charger is the only one that we have in our fleet. Also, 850,000 2013 and 2014 vehicles were recently recalled by Ford because of a concern over an electrical glitch that could prevent the airbag from deploying in a crash. Escape and Fusion are two of the models possibly affected - we have many of each in our fleet. This is already the twelfth recall of the 2013 Escape (Ford has also issued 41 technical service bulletins). We will update as details are provided to us.

Not to be outdone, GM continues to uncover potential issues. The most recent pertains to the ignition switch on the 2008 model year Impala. GM is reporting that “until the recall is performed, it is very important to remove all items from your key ring, leaving only the vehicle key. The key fob (if applicable), should also be removed from the key ring.”

It is important that you share this information with your drivers. If any have attached office keys, mini-flashlights or other miscellaneous items to the car’s key ring they must immediately remove them. And, if there is a key fob on your 2008 Impala key ring please have it brought to any of our garages where we can open the sealed ring and remove the ignition key until the concern can be addressed. GM reports that parts are currently not available.

Fleet Operations would like to take this opportunity to thank the many agencies, supervisors and drivers who have worked with our maintenance facilities in managing all of the past and current recall initiatives. Once a manufacturer has identified concerns, recalls can be a difficult but necessary process – and we appreciate all of the cooperation that has been provided.

And for those of you who think that there have been a lot of recalls in 2014, you are right. The Detroit News reports that the previous all-time record for the number of vehicles recalled was set at 30.8 million in 2004. Through September 26 the total for 2014 is over 45 million!

Who's Got Gas?

DOT fuel control has recently updated Fleet Operations regarding a change in status for a couple of their fuel stations. Specifically, they have permanently closed the doors on two stations. Those stations are;

- **Station 521-Higganum**, 11 Candlewood Hill Road is closed permanently. Please use **Station 506-Haddam/Tylerville**, Route 9, Exit 7 left at light onto Route 154.
- **Station 571-Lisbon**, 486 River Road is closed permanently. Please use **Stations 211/775-Norwich**, 171 Salem Turnpike, I-395, Exit 80 or **212-Norwich/Occum (diesel only)**, Route 97, I-395, Exit 83 North off I-395.
- On the plus side **Station 546 – Avon**, 3 Chidsey Road, is once again open.

All of these changes are posted on the DOT Fuel site. We ask that you share this important information with your staff.