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Go to:
<http://das.ct.gov> and click on **FLEET OPERATIONS** for additional information on fueling locations, acci-

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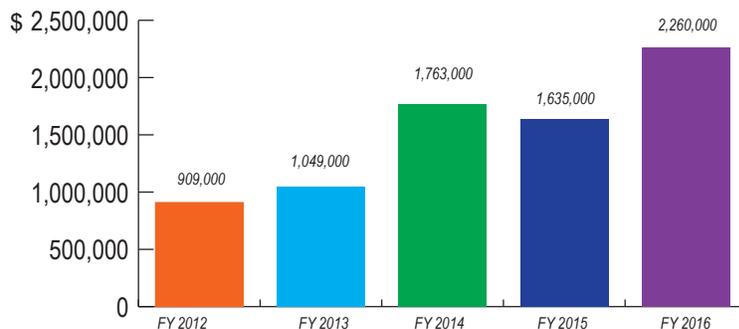
One important component of DAS' Fleet program is vehicle disposal. Since Fleet operates as a revolving fund, all revenue goes right back into our account, including disposal. Therefore, the higher the sales price the more money goes back into the fund, with the end result being that our rates stay as low as possible.

Long gone are the days when you would head down to Fleet's Wethersfield location on a Saturday morning for a car auction. Over the past few years auctions have been online in conjunction with www.PropertyRoom.com. All of the details can be found on the DAS home page under the State Surplus Property Program heading. Even though this is an online auction, it is possible to inspect vehicles prior to placing your bid. Inspection is free, and viewing hours are: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Note that no special license is required to purchase a State of Connecticut vehicle, unless it is listed as 'salvage' (vehicles with Salvage titles can only be sold to licensed dealers). However, in order to bid you must first register as a user on www.PropertyRoom.com. Registration is also free. Auctions typically end on Wednesdays around 6:00 pm. Should you be the successful bidder be prepared to pay a gate fee of \$30.00 and a 12.5% buyer's premium on each vehicle. And finally, all DAS vehicles come with a State of Connecticut title.

Before a vehicle goes to auction, the first step of the disposal process is to assign it to DAS Surplus, where for a two-week period it is posted and made available to other state agencies and municipalities on a first-come first-served basis. Should it go unclaimed, it is then designated to be sold via auction.

A change was implemented just before the start of FY 2016. All vehicles sold to agencies and municipalities would now be priced based upon the NADA value of that vehicle. As this chart shows, because of this we have realized a significant spike in proceeds, which has strengthened the Fleet program.

Although the number of vehicles disposed from one year to the next can vary (number purchased, accidents, etc.) looking at the most recent five-year period provides an insight into just how helpful the change was to our revenue stream.



Easy Come Easy Go

Fleet Operations reported a couple of months back that Luxury Auto wash on Whalley Avenue in New Haven had been added to our list of carwash vendors. Within the past month we have learned that they are now closed and out of business. Should a new provider reopen at that location we will reach out to see if we can come to agreement on having them join our list of providers.

DOT Stations

DOT is preparing to begin replacing tanks at a number of their fuel stations this spring/summer. Details are still being finalized but it is never too early to start getting the word out, as some of these locations are high volume points and their closure will impact many drivers. Once there is definitive information on when these stations will go down for renovation we will pass it along. Here is the list as we know it:

- **Colchester** – station 1523, Old Hartford Road off exit 17 – *est. closing early July*
- **Franklin** – station 1535, Route 32 – *est. closing early April*
- **Glastonbury** – station 590, on Oak Street – *will have temp fuel during closure*
- **Hartford** – station 542, Jennings Road - *est. closing in early July*
- **Litchfield** – station 1540, Rt 202, 1.7 miles from Rt. 63
- **Norwich** – station 211 exit 80 off 395. Front building at 171 Salem Turnpike. – *est. closing early May.* (rear station at DAS will remain open)
- **Rocky Hill** – station 1545, Brook St. – *est. closing in late April*
- **Southington** – station 572 at 476 Mulberry Street – *est. closing in early July*
- **Thomaston** – station 511 on South Main Street and station 579 Prospect Street Ext. – *est. closing for both is mid-late June*