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

Vehicle Replacement

As we look to vehicle replacement plans for fiscal year 2018, Fleet Operations is hopeful that we will be able to provide vehicles necessary for agencies to complete their mission. With respect to the current fiscal reality, Fleet Operations has submitted a bare bones budget for replacement vehicles. We are hopeful that it will be approved, as we currently need to replace many vehicles.

As you may already know, the Office of Policy and Management has approved a six-year replacement cycle for the DAS fleet. Six years is where the cost of replacement begins to be outweighed by the direct and indirect cost of repair, reduced reliability and mpg inefficiencies. However, because of fiscal woes dating back to 2009, we currently have vehicles up to ten years old on the road. In fact, we have so many 2008 vehicles still in service that instead of using 5-8xxx plates for our 2018 models we will identify them with 5-88xxx plates.

Over the past several years Fleet Operations has made inroads into our backlog of older vehicles created by purchasing moratoriums in 2009-10, however, we are still behind in replacing vehicles per the six-year guideline and look forward to minimizing the deficit by year's end. Assuming our funding request is approved, Fleet Operations will purchase replacements for our oldest and highest mileage vehicles in the upcoming fiscal year.

Before vehicles are ordered for replacement Fleet Operations typically reaches out to users to confirm the type of vehicle an agency requires as the replacement, and to confirm that vehicle is still needed. This process avoids procuring a vehicle that doesn't meet an agency's current needs. However, we have no objection to an agency being proactive. Feel free at any time to reach out to Jim to discuss what type of vehicle will best serve your agency.

Car Washes

Fleet Operations has been working to fill some holes in our car wash coverage by adding vendors in locations close to where our cars are parked and used. Over the past year we have added providers in Danbury and Manchester and are currently working with vendors to add locations in

Rocky Hill, New Haven, Windham, Putnam and Longmeadow, MA (to support the over 100 vehicles in Enfield, Suffield and Somers).

Once the details have been ironed out and they have officially been added we will update the Car Wash listing on the Fleet page of the DAS website and include a reference in *Inroads*.