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After Hours Emergencies
Call **1-877-454-4204** (toll-free)
Your call will be answered through
the Department of Energy and
Environmental Protection Dispatch
Office, which will assist you.

Online
Go to:
<http://das.ct.gov> and click on **FLEET OPERATIONS** for additional information on fueling locations, accident forms and mileage reports.

Happy Trails

It all started back in May of 1983 for Mike Gosselin, when he decided that the opportunity to work as a Quality Craft Worker (QCW), in the now long gone Hartford maintenance garage on Huyshope Avenue, would be wiser than continuing on at the Goodyear service center. DAS/Fleet has reaped the rewards of Mike's decision ever since. And now, after 34 years, Mike has made another major life choice. This time to leave Fleet Operations and begin his retirement years.

During his tenure Mike has seen and worked on quite a bit, from Chevy Chevettes, Ford Tempos and Broncos, Chrysler K cars and Dodge Neons, to specially equipped vehicles with intercoms that have separate heating and cooling systems for a rear compartment, and a full complement of electronics.

After working as a QCW for about eight years, Mike parlayed his mechanic skills and level-headed approach into a shop supervisory position. He was promoted to his current role as Fleet Repairs Supervisor almost 12 years ago, overseeing all locations.

Regardless of the job title, Mike has always demonstrated the commitment to do whatever is best for DAS and the State. We thank Mike for his many contributions over the years. They include; modifying PM cycles, coordinating manufacturer recalls and overseeing projects like body swaps on prisoner transport vehicles, along with supporting the maintenance teams at each facility by leading shop safety compliance and training efforts and making sure that maintenance staff has the tools and technology to effectively and efficiently maintain the DAS fleet of 3,500 vehicles.

Mike doesn't plan to slow down in retirement. He still likes to go fast – a quarter mile at a time. Good luck at the drag strip Mike, and best wishes for a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Closed Station

Please note that DOT station #511 on South Main Street in Thomaston is closed for renovations. It is expected to reopen this fall. The full list of stations currently closed for repairs includes:
Franklin #1535, Litchfield #1540, Norwich #211 (rear station at DAS garage is open), Rocky Hill #1545.

Electric Focus

For agencies looking to reduce fuel cost and expand their green footprint, Fleet Operations has a solution. We have recently acquired a 2015 Ford Focus Electric. This vehicle relies on an electric motor powered by a battery pack and has an estimated range of 75 miles. If your daily use falls under this number, the electric Focus could be an ideal solution.

It is important to note that no special charging system is required. As long as you have access to a regular 110 outlet to plug into overnight it will be fully charged and ready to go in the morning. The monthly lease rate is only \$370. And since there is no fuel expense associated with this car, the lease payment represents 100% of your monthly cost. If you would like to arrange for a no-cost trial please reach out to Frank or Jim. You will be amazed at the performance of this car.

Do you have any agency owned vehicles?

When you think of State Surplus you likely only equate it with the old, unneeded items you have, from office accessories to buses, and everything in between. You are correct in that, but State Surplus does something additional. State Surplus works directly with DMV to get new vehicles titled right from the get go, instead of only when they are surplussed, which saves a lot of time and work at the end when we are ready to get rid of a vehicle. Less time waiting for titles means quicker turnaround in resale, resulting in higher proceeds and faster removal from inventory. If your agency has purchased any new vehicles recently, please contact Veronica

Coty (veronica.coty@ct.gov). She will need the following information from you:

- H-13 (filled out by the dealer)
- Odometer Disclosure (filled out by the dealer)
- Certificate of Origin

These documents should be forwarded to Veronica at the address below and note that they are for **new vehicle titles**. If you have any other questions regarding this process, email Veronica Coty for clarification or write her at:

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