

# inroads

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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  
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Office, which will assist you.

### Online

Go to:  
<http://das.ct.gov> and click on **FLEET  
OPERATIONS** for additional infor-

## Volt



Is your agency concerned about costs? One way to get some relief is to try an electric car. They are low-cost to operate and easy to refuel. With fuel costs once again trending upward, electric power is more attractive than ever as a solution to combat the price of gasoline.

DAS Fleet Operations currently has a couple of electric vehicles on hand. We have both a Ford Focus and a Chevrolet Volt available for trial periods. Should your agency wish to keep one on a permanent basis, the monthly lease rate would be the same as a gasoline-powered vehicle of comparable size, but you get to realize the savings in fuel.

The Volt has an electric motor and a gasoline-powered engine that serves as a backup. It seamlessly kicks in after the 40-mile electric range has been depleted. The Focus is 100% electric and has a range of roughly 75 miles. There is a network of charging stations throughout the state, including four in the Morgan Street garage. Additionally, the battery can be fully recharged simply by plugging into a regular 110 outlet overnight.

For the past several months DOT has been testing a Chevrolet Volt provided by Fleet Operations. Drivers completed surveys on the vehicle and gave it high marks for acceleration, braking, handling and interior noise.

To arrange for a test trial, or for additional information, contact Frank or Jim.

Here is our annual reminder regarding air pressure. As the outside temperature drops, so does the volume of air in a vehicle's tires. Some experts claim the rate is roughly one pound of air pressure lost for every 10 degrees drop in temperature. What this translates into is potentially

under-inflated tires. Although Fleet technicians check pressure as part of every service, we encourage drivers to be aware of the possibility of under-inflated tires, as it causes less responsive steering and much faster tire wear.

The loss of a few pounds may be hard to catch with a visual inspection. However, drivers can stop at any DAS fleet location for assistance and air can be checked and added at many service stations.

## DOT Fuel Stations

All DOT stations are currently open for fuel with the exception of #204 on Banner Drive in Milford and #561 on Killingly Road in Pomfret.

The Department of Corrections has verified that station #551 in Bridgeport is for Corrections use only. Vehicles from other agencies will no longer be able to fuel their vehicles at this location. Please communicate this information to all drivers from your agency who operate in the Bridgeport area.