



# DAS Statewide Fleet Administration EMS Quarterly Newsletter Volume 16 July 2009



## EMS Happenings!

### SEEING THINGS IN A NEW WAY:

Everyone knows there have been a lot of changes going on at Fleet, some harder to get used to than others. With all of these changes happening around us it is still important to remember the environment and to do what we can to reduce waste.

Are there some tools you're no longer using or a few office supplies that you need now? Why not ask around and see if a coworker has something they're not using, or if they are in need of something you might have.

This simple question may keep perfectly good supplies from being thrown away or new ones from being needlessly ordered.

### You never know until you ask.

"Zero waste is a new way of looking at our waste stream. Instead of seeing used materials as garbage in need of disposal, discarded items can instead be seen as valuable resources."

Marion County Public Works – Master Recycler Newsletter – July 2009



**Internal Audits:** We will be conducting an internal audit of the Salem Motor Pool very soon. Everyone please be kind to the auditors, they are there to assess our EMS program, not you! ☺



**Yearly Trainings:** It has been a year since everyone went through their annual EMS training. Hopefully we can make it as fun and exciting as you remember.



**Annual reviews:** The EMS Core Team will be diligently reviewing the significant aspects and the objectives and targets over the next few months.

There are few extra things that I would also like to mention:

- I am creating a list of recycled office supplies that we can order through OfficeMax.
- I would like to get everyone accustomed to turning off a power strip at night instead of just their computers.
- DAS Fleet will be participating in the DMV CART Fair on July 16<sup>th</sup>.



**USED OIL CONTAINERS** – After some discussion we have come to a compromise about the disposal of used quart oil containers. Instead of purchasing 0W-20 oil in individual containers, Fleet will now be using 5W-20 oil that comes in bulk. This effort will keep about 261 oil containers out of the garbage every year. All other quart oil containers will still need to be disposed of in the garbage, so...

**Please think before you use a container that can't be reused or recycled.**

### 2008 Annual Environmental Performance Report

The report has been out since May and highlights Fleet's accomplishments and environmental performance for 2008. Please visit the website and read for yourself all the great things Fleet did last year.

[www.oregon.gov/DAS/SSD/FLEET/docs/08EnvPerf.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/SSD/FLEET/docs/08EnvPerf.pdf)

### Energy savings for 2008

Agency	Billed Electricity	Billed Gas	% savings
Salem MP	222,000	9,400	-15%
Portland MP	111,392	2,802	-39%
Eugene MP	66,255	1,023	-25%