

Green Milestone Achieved

Over a Quarter of the Campus Fleet is Green

We met an important goal this month by increasing the Green Rate to 28.0%. The Green Rate is the percentage of the Campus Fleet that consists of alternative fuel, electric, or hybrid vehicles.

Back in January 2007, the Green Rate was only 3.7%. We set a goal to acquire enough green vehicles and retire enough conventional vehicles to improve the Green Rate to 25.0% by the end of calendar year 2014.

The goal was ambitious because we replace only about 5% of the Campus Fleet each year. Nevertheless, we passed the goal 15 months early. During the 6 years and 9 months it took to achieve the goal, 175 of 243 acquisitions (or 72%) were green vehicles.

Credit is due to the numerous Fleet customers that understand the importance of seeking green vehicles for their transportation needs.

Lower Insurance Rates

An Update from Andrew Goldblatt, Campus Risk Manager

Effective July 1, 2013, the insurance rates for the GAEL Auto Program are decreasing (yes, decreasing) an average of 24%.

GAEL Auto assessments rose substantially for all UC campuses over the last few years, but Berkeley was hit especially hard because of a \$4 million settlement in 2008 and a \$2 million settlement in 2009. Now, the assessment is starting down, and if we are lucky (i.e., no more multi-million dollar accidents), rates should continue going down in fiscal 2015.

Fiscal Year Assessments by UCOP for Auto Insurance

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
\$1,348,000	\$1,387,000	\$1,410,000	\$1,367,000	\$813,000

Know Your Role

Vehicle Rental Code Custodian

This column explores the many facets of the Fleet customer. This issue, we focus on the Vehicle Rental Code Custodian.

As the custodian of a Vehicle Rental Code (or Fleet Code), you are the gatekeeper for Fleet rentals. You and your designated Code Users may rent vehicles from our rental partner, currently Enterprise (1990 Oxford St, 705-8989). The Fleet Code serves as a method of payment, with rentals billed via Fleet recharge.

As of July 2013, Fleet has a new contract with Enterprise, and we wanted to call your attention to some of the new options afforded by the contract.

You can now specifically reserve two new classes of vehicle: hybrid sedan, and ethanol-capable sedan. You might also be issued an ethanol-capable vehicle in several other vehicle classes.

If you are issued an ethanol-capable vehicle — look for the yellow gas cap — please consider fueling with E85 ethanol, available at the co-branded Propel/76 station at 849 University Avenue. This fuel is much cheaper per gallon, so it is a perfect solution when refueling at the end of the rental.

If your renters need to travel on unpaved roads, the new contract explicitly permits such use, but you should consult Fleet for further guidance.

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