

## **Automotive Advisory Committee Meeting**

### **Minutes**

December 4, 2009

AT 129

6:30-9:00pm

Members present: Ryan Thomson, Marco Freitas, John Miller, , Ken Rocha, Kenneth Johnson, Joe Wasetis, Program Coordinator Michael Richards, Paul Hidy, and VTEA Coordinator Prudence Ratliff . Absent: Keith Hodge, Robert Barerra, Jose Castillo.

#### Action Items

1. Approval of Minutes.

Approved.

#### Discussion Items:

1. Vehicle Fleet

Mike Richards explained that the vehicle fleet was aging and deteriorating and in need of updating. Committee members reviewed the fleet and suggested that all future vehicle donations should be OBD II compliant only. The limited supply of available vehicles will be more of a problem next Spring 2010, when the AT 28 Advanced Engine Performance course is next scheduled as well as the AT 22 Advanced Electronics course both of which will require the latest technologies available. The need to upgrade the fleet is increasing and a marketing campaign may be launched locally soon. Members were encouraged to pursue any leads or pass on information to Mike about possible running, driveable, OBD II compliant vehicles that might be available for donation.

They suggested contacting local car dealers for donations, Mike and Paul agreed to do so. It was agreed that future donations would only be accepted if they were 1996 and later or OBD II compliant. Mike and Paul will contact the Public Relations Officer, Paul DeMark and discuss the marketing campaign for donations.

2. Tools and Equipment Updates.

Mike informed the committee that through a successful VTEA Grant the program acquired 3 Snap-On Evaporative Emission Smoke testers and 3 Snap-On DTAC Battery, Starting, Charging System testers and he thanked Prudence Ratliff who was instrumental in that process for her help and continued interest in the success of the program.

Furthermore, through an Instructional Supplies Block Grant of \$25K authored by Mike Richards the program would be acquiring 3 each OTC Genesys Scan Tools with 5 Gas Exhaust Analyzer attachments, OTC Solarity DSO's with Ignition Analyzer capability and miscellaneous much needed less expensive special tools as allowed. Ryan Thomson inquired about the Snap-On Modis equipment discussed at the last meeting. Some discussion of tools and equipment commonly found in industry followed. Mike explained that he was working with Prudence on a separate grant in hopes of acquiring three Modis Scantools with Ignition and 5 Gas Analysis capability. Ken Rocha indicated that his shop also uses the Genesys as well as GM manufacturer specific scantools. Prudence explained about the grant process and that C/R was not the administrator of this grant just a partner and she further explained the purpose and targets which closely correlated with the needs of the program. She felt our chances were good and indicated committee members were very helpful by increasing her depth of understanding of the situation and indicated she would work closely with Mike to further develop the grant.

Meeting adjourned.