

FLEET SERVICES



2006 - 2010 Five Year Review



***K**eeing up with Technology*

The complexity of new vehicles has changed so much in the last five years that it could present a real challenge to technicians if they don't stay up on training. Fleet technicians thrive on doing the job right the first time and that is why they are trained on the latest technology when it's available. With the increasing levels of electronic features in heavy equipment, it's almost impossible to diagnose a problem without having a laptop and proper software. The increasing use of electronically controlled components has also led to more electrical problems today than even five years ago.



***M**aking it Better*

Fleet Services is always looking for ways to better our customer service. One of the ways we did that was upgrading our fuel system. In 2008 Fleet Services took on a challenge to upgrade the fuel system software. This was a huge project that took many months of planning, but our efforts paid off with a more customer-friendly system. Fleet Services has seen improvements over the last two years as the fuel sites became more reliable and efficient.



***W**hen Cost Matters*

With fuel pricing driving the cost of freight up, Fleet Services Parts Room now more than ever needs and is showing intelligent procurement practices. Since 2006 tire prices have increased 35%, motor grader blades 14%, and maintenance parts; such as, batteries, brake supplies, and filters approximately 22%.

During the same time, Fleet added an extra diesel dispenser at the Vine location, helping to cut down on wait times.



“Excellence is not a skill. It is an attitude.”
-Ralph Marston

We Will Continue to Improve Our Levels of Services



As Time Changes

The total amount of miles traveled every year by Larimer County employees performing their services to the public remains fairly consistent. In 2006 they traveled 4,289,333 and in 2010 they traveled 4,439,369. With fuel costs being extremely high in 2008 the miles driven was only 40,498 less in 2006. The services they provide still have to be performed. As times change and fuel prices begin to climb we may see reductions in some operations. With changing technology and more efficient vehicles we should be able to deliver the services to the public they are accustomed to by right sizing our fleet.



Spinning our Wheels

In 2006 the Ford Crown Vic Police Interceptor was the vehicle that most law enforcement agencies (including Larimer County) were purchasing for their fleets. The car was durable and did its job pretty well. Larimer County also purchased three Dodge Charger police packaged cars for testing in their traffic enforcement unit and were very pleased with the performance of the Charger. So, in 2007 the Crown Vic was replaced by the Dodge Charger for patrol.

Five years later the Sheriff's Department is still issuing the Dodge Charger police package to patrol the streets and are still pleased with the performance of this vehicle.

BREAKING IT DOWN

	2006	2010	
Number of full-time employees	19	19	0%
Number of units receiving maintenance and repairs	799	858	7%
Fleet average retail fuel price: diesel	\$2.51	\$2.59	3%
Fleet average retail fuel price: unleaded	\$2.34	\$2.40	3%
Total volume of fuel dispensed: diesel	388,266 GL	383,385 GL	1%
Total volume of fuel dispensed: unleaded	370,882 GL	254,850 GL	31%
Annual repair costs due to accidents	\$89,466.06	\$63,480.45	29%