

Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission Report **By ADR Staff**

Chairman John Longacre convened the October 8, 2013 session of the Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission (UMV&PC). Following roll call and approval of the September meeting minutes Longacre called on Commission Director John Maile for his report.

Director Maile noted that the expenditures statement was not attached because the OEMS people had a problem with their software and had been unable to provide the report. Director Maile also reported that the license renewal applications had already been sent out. License renewal processing this year is different than previous years because some of the licensees have received letters from the Oklahoma Tax Commission (OTC) regarding tax compliance. Each year, Oklahoma licensing agencies are required to submit a list of licensees to the OTC to check for outstanding income tax liens. The OTC notifies the licensing agency of any licensees found to be noncompliant. The licensing agency is then required to notify the licensee that renewal cannot occur until the issue is resolved. This is the first year the OTC has provided such notification to the UMV&PC in time to provide notice to the dealers before the renewal applications were filed. One thousand noncompliance letters were sent out to dealers and salespersons informing them that license renewal will be delayed pending the licensees' contact with the OTC to resolve the issue. Director Maile next informed the Commissioners that a meeting was held during the prior week with different groups on Title 42 procedures. He believed the meeting was beneficial and that progress was made on language for the legislation being sponsored by OIADA. Regarding the education program, Director Maile said that staff had spent some time on it and that, while the presentation had been improved, additional changes would be forthcoming.

Chairman Longacre then asked for the Chief Investigator's report. Chief Investigator John Lancaster stated that four field investigators had performed a two-day "blitz" inspection in a certain area on eighteen previously identified dealers. The inspections revealed two dealers had customers signing blank contracts and one dealer could not account for 309 temporary tags. In addition, investigators were able to determine that tax stamps had been removed from some titles and placed on other titles. Other title issues involved improper use of tax stamps as well as delay of title deliveries to the customers. Fines will likely be assessed on approximately six of the eighteen targeted dealers as a result of the inspection effort.

Mr. Maile noted staff had completed 19 inspections during September and had also handled 40 complaints. Of the complaints, 10 were related to title issues; 14 to contract issues; seven to mechanical issues; and eight to miscellaneous issues. In addition, 16 dealers attended the education program. Director Maile also noted they had held three informal hearings. Four fines were assessed during the month. Two of the fines were for late title, one was for improperly assigned title and one was for lack of a tax stamp.

Applicants for a new license and dealers involved in significant rule violations are required to attend the Commission's education program to acquire or maintain their state license. Sessions are held at 9 a.m. the second Monday of each month – one day prior to the Commission meeting – in the conference room at 2401 NW 23rd, Oklahoma City. Attendees are asked to call 405-521-3600 to make reservations so staff can plan appropriately.