

Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission Report By ADR Staff

Chairman John Longacre convened the February 11, 2014, session of the Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission. Following roll call and approval of the December meeting minutes, Longacre called on Commission Director John Maile for the Director's report.

Director Maile reported that the first off-site education program had been held in Oklahoma City. Thirty-six people were in attendance. Staff had received commitments from others that did not attend, presumably because of the weather and icy road conditions. Referencing the January 2014 Expenditures Report, Maile explained that the \$10,521.63 disbursement to the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System was compensation for sick leave accumulated by Kenneth Whitehead at the time of his retirement. Maile next reported that since lobbyist Roggow was not in attendance, the legislative update report would be emailed to the commissioners. He noted that Senate Bill 1588 that would merge the UMV&PC with the MVPC was still alive and that the Car Crusher bill was still being worked on. Maile concluded by noting that the list of dealers and salesmen had been added to the website, and that other items will be added in the future.

Chairman Longacre then called on Chief Investigator John Lancaster for his report. Lancaster informed the Commissioners that investigators had visited insurance pools several times recently in an effort to build cases against non-licensed individuals purchasing vehicles with the intent to resell. While on this topic, Commissioner Latham expressed concern about individuals purchasing multiple salvage vehicles, putting one vehicle in tow behind the other, and getting out on the interstate. Commissioners recommended Maile contact the DPS to discuss whether law enforcement could stop the vehicles once they are on the road.

Lancaster then reported that staff completed 38 inspections during January and had handled 29 complaints. Of the complaints, seven were related to title issues; nine to contract issues; five to mechanical and eight to miscellaneous issues. The Commission staff held two informal hearings and had two temporary injunctions granted. In addition, 31 dealers attended the education program.

Applicants for a new license and dealers involved in significant rule violations are required to attend the Commission's education program as a part of acquiring or maintaining a state license. These education sessions are being held in conference room at 2401 NW 23, Oklahoma City. Classes are held on Monday prior to the Commission meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. The sessions run from 9 a.m. to about noon or 1 p.m. You are asked to make reservations so staff can be prepared to accommodate you. Call the Commission at 405-521-3600 to make your reservations.

Chairman Longacre then asked for Commissioners' comments. Commissioner Shreve asked for an update on the proposal to transition to a two-year dealer license. Maile indicated

that no action had been taken and suggested that the issue should be held until next year. After discussion, Commissioners directed Maile to conduct research and determine the steps involved in making the transition.