

Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission Report By ADR Staff

Chairman John Longacre convened the April 14, 2015, session of the Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission. Following roll call and approval of the March 2015 meeting minutes, Longacre called on Commission Director John Maile for the Director's report.

Director Maile presented a plaque of appreciation to Julian Coddling who had served as a Commissioner for the UMV&PC. In accepting the plaque, Julian said, "The UMV&PC is a great organization that is here to help the public and the dealers. One of the greatest inventions for civilization was the stop light. We have to have rules that can be mercifully and humanitarily enforced. It is important that there is a good Commission like the UMV&PC. The Commission does a great job. The Commission staff brought all of the wholesale dealers in for an audit. When areas were identified that were not being handled correctly, the staff position was to educate and create a solution for the problem. That is typical of how government can serve best by defining the rules and enforcing them."

Director Maile recognized Curt Roggow for a legislative update. Roggow reported that Senate Bill 592 was heard last week in the House Appropriations and Budget Committee. Commissioner Jim Holman testified before the committee and answered questions posed by the Legislators. Besides UMV&PC fee increases and two-year licensing provisions, SB 592 now also contains the language establishing odometer fraud as a felony. The bill passed the committee 18 to 8. It now goes to the House floor for a vote and then must travel to the Senate where the Senate must accept the House amendments before it can become law.

Chief Investigator John Lancaster informed the Commissioners that the investigators had completed 25 dealership inspections and had handled 28 complaints. Of the complaints, 12 were related to title issues, one to contract issues, four to mechanical issues, ten to miscellaneous issues, and one to advertising issues. The Commission held 13 informal hearings involving Ace Rides, Champion Trucks, A & M Auto Sales, Car Source, Crawford Auto Sales, BG Motors, F & M Auto Wholesale, In & Out Auto Sales, Mercury Auto Remarketing, Eastern Motors, Hi Hat Auto Sales, MWC Sports & Imports, and Noon Motors. Champion Trucks surrendered its license rather than follow the Commission recommendations.

Twenty-three dealers attended the on-site education program in March. Applicants for a new license and dealers involved in significant rule violations are required to attend the Commission's on-site education program as a part of acquiring or maintaining a state license. These education sessions are being held in the 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.