

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

Commissioner Steve Ross convened the December 8, 2015, session of the Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission (UMV&PC). Following roll call and approval of the November 2015 meeting minutes, Ross called on Commission Director John Maile for his report.

Director Maile reported that staff is continuing to process renewals. All renewals received by November 10 had been audited. The number of renewals submitted is tracking with previous years even though they are for two-year versus one-year licenses.

Curt Roggow, Legislative Liaison for the Commission, reported that the Oklahoma Legislature is preparing for a possible billion dollar shortfall. Roggow also reported that effort is ongoing to elevate odometer fraud to a felony under Oklahoma law. It is a felony at the federal level but a misdemeanor at the state level.

The Commissioners conducted one hearing in which the Respondent was allegedly engaging in multiple violations, including selling salvage-titled, non-roadworthy vehicles and placing temporary license plates on the vehicles when sold; advertising vehicles for sale without disclosing that he was a dealer; setting different cash and credit prices for vehicles; assessing different processing fees; leaving titles "open" by failing to assign them; failing to use title receipts and "We Owe" forms. The dealer was assessed a \$5,000 fine.

The Commissioners approved one consent agreement alleging the dealer failed to track temporary tags issued to customers. The dealer was assessed a \$3,000 fine.

Chief Investigator John Lancaster informed the Commissioners that the investigators had completed 17 dealership inspections and had handled 10 complaints: four title issues, two contract violations, zero mechanical issues, four miscellaneous, and zero advertising. Lancaster also reported that three informal hearings were held and one injunction had been granted.

A total of 19 dealers attended the on-site education program in November. 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 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.