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Special Advisory! Credit Card Skimming

Over the past few months, OFMS has received an increasing number of fraud reports relating to the Voyager fuel cards. While these charges have been caught and removed from our account, the frequency has been cause for concern.

The most prevalent way of stealing a credit card number is through a card skimming device. These devices are temporarily affixed to a fuel pump or ATM; reading and storing the credit card information. The pump will read the card separately and operate normally. Most people don't realize their information was stolen. Thieves often wait months before using the stolen numbers and often out of state.

Credit card skimmers have become quite sophisticated with the miniaturization of computer hardware. Below are some examples of skimmers on a gas pump. While it can be difficult to spot these devices, here are a few quick tips for keeping your information safe.

Ways to avoid credit card skimming:

1. Inspect the card reader. Look for anything that seems unusual. Is the safety seal broken? Does it look different than normal?
2. Use well-lit pumps that are in sight of the attendant.
3. Shield your hand while entering the PIN. A camera is usually in sight of the number pad to record the PIN being entered.
4. Monitor exception reports and report irregularities immediately.



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2017 ATO Rodeo

Calling all Agency Transportation Officers. OFMS will be hosting the first ATO Rodeo on Tuesday May 9, 2017. This will be a day filled with training, roundtables, and exhibits specifically for ATOs.

More details will be coming out soon but mark your calendars now.

Expanded Vehicle Availability

OFMS in conjunction with the Division of Purchases and Supply are expanding the vehicles available on contract and likewise, for lease from OFMS.

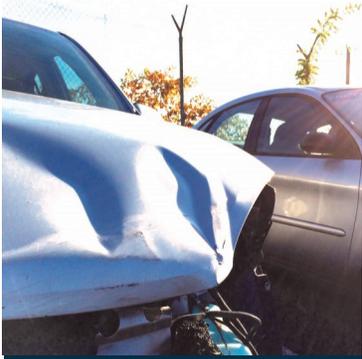
- **Electric Sedan:** *Nissan Leaf* - This full electric vehicle has been on the market for some time and has proven to be durable and reliable. With a full charge it has an 107 mile range.
- **SSV Pickup:** *Chevrolet Silverado, RAM 1500 or Ford F150* -These Special Service pickup trucks take a standard truck and customize it for police use. These are not pursuit rated, they are more affordable and easier to up fit than a standard truck.
- **SSV SUV:** *Dodge Durango* - Unlike the pursuit rated Ford Interceptor Utility, the SSV SUV is a traditional SUV customized for police use.
- **Compact Pickup:** *Nissan Frontier* - Smaller, cheaper and more fuel efficient than a 1/2 ton pickup
- **Midsize Crossover:** *Dodge Journey* - More affordable than a larger SUV, the midsize crossover is a good compromise of off-road ability and fuel efficiency.

Driving Safety

Every year, there are a number of crashes that are related to deer on the road. The 2016-2017 winter season has been a little more active than years' past.

Although it can be difficult to avoid hitting a deer, here are a few tips to remember should you encounter one on the road.

1. Hit the brakes!. On modern cars, don't worry about pumping, just hit the pedal as quickly as you can .
2. Do not swerve. Tempting as it may be, do not attempt to swerve to miss the deer. More accidents and injuries occur trying to miss a deer than actually hitting it.
3. If you can, flash your lights and honk your horn. The best case startling the deer out of the way.
4. If you do hit a deer, call the VMCC at 1-866-857-6866 for assistance.



From the Director: The Connected Car

No longer a thing of science fiction, the autonomous or self-driving car is quickly becoming a reality. Once a dream pioneered by tech companies like Google, the self-driving car seems to be readily available quicker than expected. Cars are already being shipped with technology that is semi-autonomous.

Before the autonomous car becomes mainstream, however, it is the connected car that will change the automotive industry. Unlike the autonomous car, the goal of the connected car is not to drive itself, but to communicate with other cars and infrastructure on the road. There are three methods of communication in development. Car to Car, Car to Infrastructure and Car to Cloud.

Car to car communication will allow vehicles to talk to one another within a certain distance. This can help eliminate back ups and many accidents. This will allow cars to react to situations that are not within the sightlines of the driver. Even autonomous driving currently relies on cameras and radar that require line of sight. A connected car will be able to slow itself based on the actions of a driver four cars ahead.

Car to infrastructure communication will allow the vehicle to talk to stop lights and road signs and react accordingly. Again, this will allow a vehicle to know conditions that are out of the line of sight. It will also allow the vehicle and driver to predict the conditions ahead. For instance, the vehicle will be able to communicate with a traffic light and know based on current speed if they will make the light before it changes. Concurrently, the traffic lights can communicate with vehicles and dynamically manage signals to reduce traffic.

Lastly, car to cloud communication will allow traffic and vehicle usage data to be shared to improve navigation routing.

There are still a number of issues to be ironed regarding this concept, but they are already underway. Pilot projects are scheduled for 2017 in New York City, Wyoming and Tampa, FL. It is expected by 2020, the majority of new cars will have connected capability and by 2025 twenty percent of traffic signals will be able to communicate.

This change will happen relatively quickly for the automotive industry and OFMS will keep you informed of major milestones. For more information and status updates on the pilot programs, visit <http://its.dot.gov> .

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