

The VIN Report

JULY 2010

Upcoming Commission Meetings

August 10
September 14
October 12
November 9

Meetings begin at
10:30am

Education Program Dates

August 9
September 13
October 11
November 8

9:00am - 12:30pm

Call for
Reservations
(405) 521-3600

**2011 RENEWAL
APPLICATIONS**
will be
mailed
OCTOBER 1st

OUR NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED

Due to the installation of a new telephone system, the Commission's telephone and fax numbers have changed. Our new telephone number is 405-521-3600. The fax number is 405-521-3604. With this new system, we will have voice mail capability for individual staff members. **We will continue to have a real person answering the phone.** We have the old fashioned belief that people prefer to talk to a real person and that with the variety of calls we receive it is easier for both parties.

COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS

Governor Henry recently made three new appointments to the Commission. He appointed Julian Coddling, Reliable Motors, Inc., in Oklahoma City to the District Five position replacing John Vance, Vance Motors, Inc., in Guthrie. Mr. Vance has the distinction of being the longest serving Commissioner, having served three six year terms. He was Vice-Chairman for many of those years. His experience and input will be missed. Norman Latham, Economy Auto Parts and Salvage, Inc., in Tulsa, was appointed as a Commissioner at large, replacing Roy Murphy of C & C Used Auto Parts, in Oklahoma City, who served two six years terms. Max Pedigo, Auto Plus of Woodward, in Woodward, was appointed by Governor Henry to fill the vacant District Three position. Mr. Pedigo, tragically, died soon after the appointment. His position remains vacant.

MANUFACTURED HOME INSTALLERS

We have been receiving complaints about unlicensed manufactured home installers. With the new federal regulations and Oklahoma's adoption of those standards, it is more important than ever that manufactured home dealers and their customers have qualified, competent, **licensed** people doing the installations. If you know of unlicensed installers setting homes in your area, you are encouraged to report them to us. You may do this anonymously, if you prefer. We want everyone to operate under the same standards and on equal terms. Licensed dealer who utilize these unlicensed installers could face sanctions including fines, suspension or revocation of their license.

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PERSONNEL CHANGES

The Commission has recently had several personnel changes. Larry Moody, longtime investigator for the northeast part of the state, has retired, effective April 30, 2010. Brian Wilson has been hired as an investigator for that part of the state. Brian lives in Tulsa and has been training with Deputy Director Kenneth Whitehead. He has been attending the Tulsa area auctions and getting acquainted with the dealers in his area. Brian is a personable young man so, dealers, if you are in his area, take the opportunity to meet him. The Commission has also hired an additional investigator, George Campos, who works out of Oklahoma City and has taken over the work in the northwest and central northern part of the state. George has extensive previous experience in the used motor vehicle business, and is already proving to be a valuable addition to our staff. You may also see him at the Oklahoma City area auctions.

EDUCATION

With the addition of new personnel, the Commission has placed an added emphasis on dealer audits. Audits of dealer records are a good source of feedback to us of the effectiveness and benefits of our dealer education program. We commonly hear from dealers that they did not know that they were required to use a particular form. The dealer education program, presented monthly on the Monday before the Commission meeting, which is on the second Tuesday of each month, is the primary vehicle for dealer education. Forms, titles, temporary tags, dealer plates and credit transactions are discussed. The program is mandatory for new dealers. We often require attendance of dealers we audit as part of the corrective action required. We sometimes hear that there is too much information presented for attendees to absorb. As with any education experience, listening to the presentation is only part of the process. Dealers should take the time to review the information and forms at their convenience at their place of business. Present dealers are encouraged to attend. It is often the dealer who has been in business before our education program began that is not in compliance with requirements. Anyone wishing to attend will need to call and reserve a place as seating is limited.

DEQ PERMITS

The Department of Environmental Quality is in the process of reviewing and re-issuing storm-water runoff permits. Among those required to have permits are automotive dismantlers. The DEQ has had two meetings concerning these permits. It will have one more meeting in July to finalize the revisions. It is not anticipated that there will be any substantial changes made.

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