

#### April 2022

### **New Approval Limits**

Previously, DAS Fleet Services contacted agencies to approve vehicle maintenance and repairs totaling \$300 or more. With parts and labor price increases over the last several years an increase in this amount was warranted. Effective immediately, DAS Fleet Services will now contact agencies for maintenance and repairs over \$500. Agency contacting procedures have not changed for tire purchases. For more information, please see our vendor letter <u>here</u>.

### Vehicle Ordering Update

On Thursday, May 5, All Chevrolet vehicles except Colorado and Silverado 1500 will be available to order. This includes Malibus, Tahoes and Traverses--these vehicles are in high demand and will most likely close for ordering quickly. Please assess your upcoming vehicle needs. If your agency will require a vehicle in this class be prepared to place your order as close to the opening date as possible. Currently, pricing for the 2023 Tahoe and Suburban is not available.

### **GovDeals Vehicle Spotlight**

DAS Fleet would like to highlight the 2008 Freightliner M2 106 with a Altec AM60E-MH Bucket Truck upfit available on our GovDeals site. It has 93,272 miles and is listed for \$42,000. All interested departments should contact their GovDeals purchasing contact or speak with a representative from DAS Fleet Services directly.



# **Driver Spotlight**

DAS Fleet would like to recognize Mel Pins, one of our regular drivers. Mel is always great to work with, makes sure the vehicle he drives is returned with a full tank of gas and even cleans the vehicle inside and out! Thanks Mel, we appreciate you!

# **Vehicle Fun Facts**

According to drive-safely.net, most drivers adjust their side or "wing" mirrors incorrectly. It is possible to virtually eliminate blind spots, but it requires that mirrors are adjusted so the driver sees what is behind them—not their own car. Another benefit to correctly adjusted mirrors? Keeping your eyes on the road instead of turning your head to see what is behind you! For more information and technique for proper mirror adjustment, click on this <u>link</u>.

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