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President's Message

By Rudy Roudbari

Hello!

This is Rudy's backyard chicken. I am hacking his monthly president's message to make sure you all know what is REALLY important during the crisis. There are three things:

#1 - I get fed.

#2 - I have a place to scratch the ground (and relieve myself).

#3 - The dog doesn't eat me.

In return, I will provide an egg (when I feel like it) and some fertilizer for your garden. Just remember that we help each other, just like you humans are all helping each other right now. You do your part and I will do mine! ***We are all in this together!***

Happy trails,

Henrietta Hen,
the president's chicken
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Compliance Corner

Temp Tags and Forms During Pandemic

As many of you know, due to the current pandemic, TxDMV announced there is no requirement for a title application to be submitted within a specified time. As a result, the delinquent transfer penalty does not apply to any title application submitted between March 16, 2020, and 60 days after the TxDMV provides notice normal titling services have resumed (hopefully that day is soon).

Following this announcement, several dealers have asked about expired buyer tags. Since the requirement to register and the time period in which to apply for title have been waived, the purchasers can operate the vehicles with expired buyer tags. The dealer should not issue a second buyer tag, and there is no need for a 30-day permit to be obtained. Dealers may want to proactively contact purchasers with expiring buyer tags, or they can just relay the information if a purchaser contacts them.

TxDMV also announced the Regional Service Centers (RSC) would be closed to the public for in-person transactions for the foreseeable future. However, the services and support will continue to be provided by mail, email, and phone while in-person services are unavailable.

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Following this announcement, several dealers asked about obtaining various forms from the Regional Service Center.

If dealers need the VTR-41-A or VTR-271-A, they can email or call their Regional Service Center. The Regional Service Center email addresses can be found on the TxDMV COVID-19 webpage. The regional office will mail up to 100 forms to the dealer. If additional forms are needed, prepaid postage would need to be mailed to the issuing RSC.

TxDMV has set up a COVID-19 webpage to provide guidance to motor vehicle dealers and the public at: www.TxDMV.gov/covid-19.

TIADA has also set up a COVID-19 webpage that has a important updates and information for independent automobile dealers. Find the latest updates by visiting: www.txiada.org/COVID-19.

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Harris County Tax Office Offers TIADA Members Tips on Title Transfers

TIADA has been receiving questions about title transfers in Harris County. After conversations with the Tax Office last week, the Office provided the association with the following information to assist dealers:

- Dealer transactions will only be dropped off at the Distribution Center located at: 11525 Todd Road.
- Drop-offs will **only** be on Tuesdays and pick-ups will **only** be on Wednesdays (No drops or pick-ups on Monday, Thursday, or Friday).
- Drop-off time: Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (no exceptions).
Pick-up time: Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. (no exceptions).
- You may only drop off one (1) package of 10 transactions per authorized person.
- **No** Mechanic Liens. This is for *dealer* transactions only.
- Use the convenience package cover sheet (see form MV-501) when dropping off work. Make sure the sheet is completely filled out and title work is in an enclosed envelope with the convenience package sheet secured to the front prior to dropping off.
- Form of Payment: Check, Money Order, or Cashier Check ONLY. Personal checks will **not** be accepted.
- If submitting a blank check, use the authorization form (MV-503) provided by the Tax Office.
- You must continue to follow the Troy Blando guidelines when submitting title service work for dealers. For example:
 - TS-5 completely filled out with all required information
 - TS-8 must be on file authorizing said title service to process/transfer for dealer
- New and/or Renewal Title Service/Runner applications may be dropped off at the Distribution Center at the allocated time above (Form of Payment: Check, Money Order, or Cashier Check ONLY. Personal checks will **NOT** be accepted.)

To View Forms:
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