

Car Care Awareness and Vehicle Temporary Tags Update

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Car Care Awareness

Campaign Goal

Advance air quality benefits for the region

Inform vehicle owners and general public about proper vehicle maintenance

Educate about check engine light importance and meaning

Build stronger community relations

Aligning nationally with the April and October Car Care Awareness months



Car Care Awareness

Campaign History

Program began as free public clinics, hosted at partnered Recognized Emissions Repair Facilities

Clinics focused on the organization's message of air quality through education

Provided vehicle owners an opportunity to speak with qualified technicians about their check engine light and other vehicle concerns at no cost to them

Focus shifted to electronic outreach in 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic



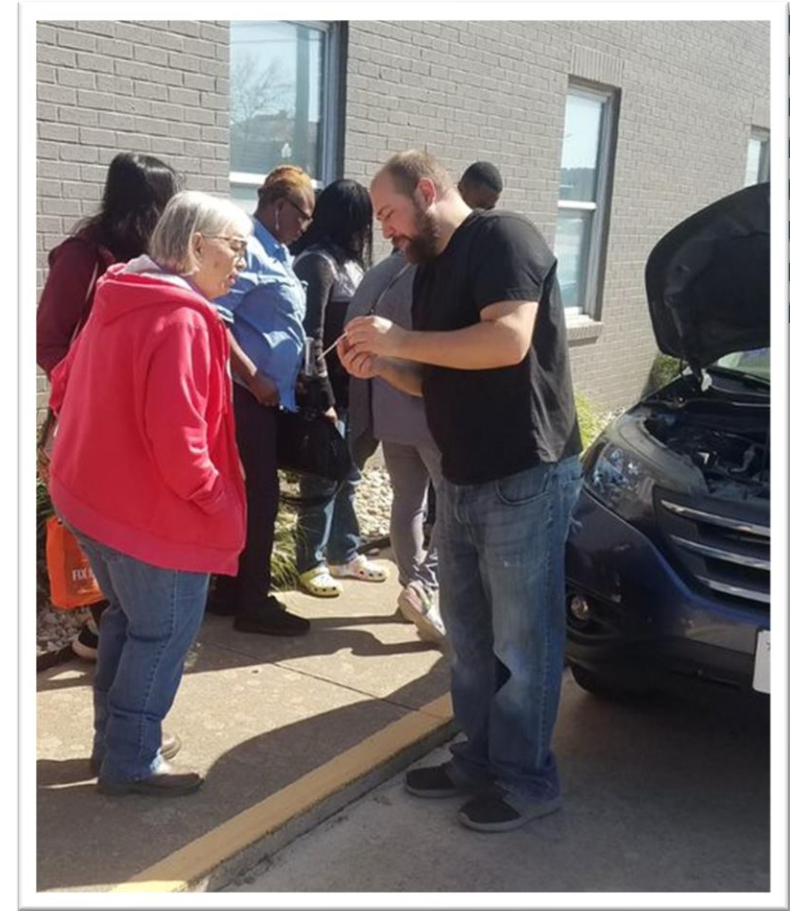
Car Care Awareness

Current Efforts

Partnering with nonprofit organizations and vehicle repair shops throughout the region to provide focused outreach

Providing Car Care Awareness digital toolkits and educational material to local governments and organizations upon request

Updating North Texas Car Care Awareness website with vehicle maintenance tips and online education materials for download



www.ntxcarcare.org/toolkit

Car Care Awareness

Current Efforts Continued

Connecting with car repair shops to host Car Care Clinics around the region to continue to engage the public and spread awareness of proper vehicle maintenance

Seeking car repair shops and auto parts retailers to provide discounts on emissions related repairs and replacement auto parts through the Car Care Awareness website

Meeting with local city chambers of commerce to identify businesses to connect with and public-oriented events that fit program goal



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Vehicle Temporary Paper Tags and Clean Scanning

What is a Temporary Tag?

Intended to be used for temporary vehicle registration

Nine variations of a temporary tag

Texas Buyer tag is predominantly abused



What is a Clean Scanning?

Hooking up a vehicle that will pass an annual vehicle emissions test in place of a vehicle that would otherwise fail

Inspection facilities are able to do hundreds a day, oftentimes without even having the owner's vehicle present

Vehicle is given a passing inspection even though it should have failed, potentially large air quality impact

Solutions Identified

Legislative

Status

- **Fund Local Initiatives Projects (LIP)**
 - HB 1175, HB 1351, SB 607
- **Change Temporary Tag System**
 - HB 718 (Metal Plates)
 - HB 914 (Penalty Increase)
 - HB 2195 (Penalty Increase)
 - HB 2902 (Penalty Language)
 - HB 3747 (Penalty Language)
 - HB 3862 (Plate Transfers)
 - SB 970 (Study on Replacing Temp Tags)

Administrative Rule

Status

- **Fingerprint Licensed Dealership Agents** Complete
- **Share Law Enforcement Access to eTags System** Complete
- **Verify Generated VINs** Not Complete
- **In-Person Verification** Not Complete
- **Offer Law Enforcement Training** Not Complete
- **Automatic Verification of Dealer Issued Tags** Not Complete

Recent News Coverage

[Police Searching for Paper Tagged “Ghost Car”](#)
(Aired 11/15/2022)

[Police Officer Death Reignites Tag Controversy](#)
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[TXDMV Redesigns Paper License Tags](#)
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[Driver in Custody after Police Chase](#)
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[Potentially Millions of Cars Never Checked for Safety or Emissions](#)
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[Police Say TxDMV New Paper Tag Design Easily Counterfeited](#)
(Aired 3/27/2023)

[Texas Officers Show Support for Bill Eliminating Temporary Tags](#)
(Aired 3/29/2023)

[TXDPS to Ramp Up Crackdown on Fake Inspections](#)
(Aired 3/30/2023)

TXDMV = Texas Department of Motor Vehicles
TXDPS = Texas Department of Public Safety

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