

County fleet named top in the Americas

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VENTURA, Calif. – The County of Ventura's Fleet Operations division has been awarded one of the highest honors in the fleet industry. The National Association of Fleet Administrators named the County of Ventura as the number one fleet in this year's 100 Best Fleets Awards.

The criteria for recognition are rigorous. They include documented performance and progress; use of technology; internal collaboration; creativity; performance recognition; performance metrics; competitive pricing; staff development; and the stewardship of all resources: human, capital and natural.

"This is the first time the County has won this distinguished honor, and I assure you, we'll be working hard in the coming years to make sure that our performance keeps us as one of the Best 100 Fleets in the Americas" said Fleet Services Manager Peter Bednar.

"Winning this award takes a complete team effort. The NAFA criteria can't be met unless every single member of the team is pulling together toward a common goal. Our team viewed winning this award as a vision of excellence and, now that they've won it, they want to keep getting better. There's personal achievement there, but the work needed to win this award also ensures that taxpayers are getting the full benefit of their fleet dollars."

The 100 Best Fleets Awards competition covers the Americas and includes more than 38,000 eligible fleets. Cities, counties, state agencies, the Armed Forces, universities and private fleets are all eligible. The award is now in its 16th year.

The County's Fleet Operations is responsible for the purchase and maintenance of County vehicles; gasoline and diesel purchase and dispensing; up-fitting of new vehicles; parts and tire inventories; and paint and body work. It is also responsible for repair and maintenance on heavy construction and maintenance equipment, and repair and maintenance on the County's generators.

"Our goals are sustainability, efficiency and effectiveness," said Bednar. "The award recognizes that we're meeting those goals, and other agencies are recognizing it too. We work for many agencies in Ventura County which want to take advantage of the quality of our work and the economies of scale we provide."

Non-County agencies working with Fleet Operations include the cities of Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, Fillmore, Ojai, Moorpark, Ventura and Thousand Oaks. Ventura College, California State University Channel Islands and the California Department of Food and Agriculture, United States Navy are also customers.