College and University Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Partnership Program Workshop

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DALLAS/FORT WORTH AREA

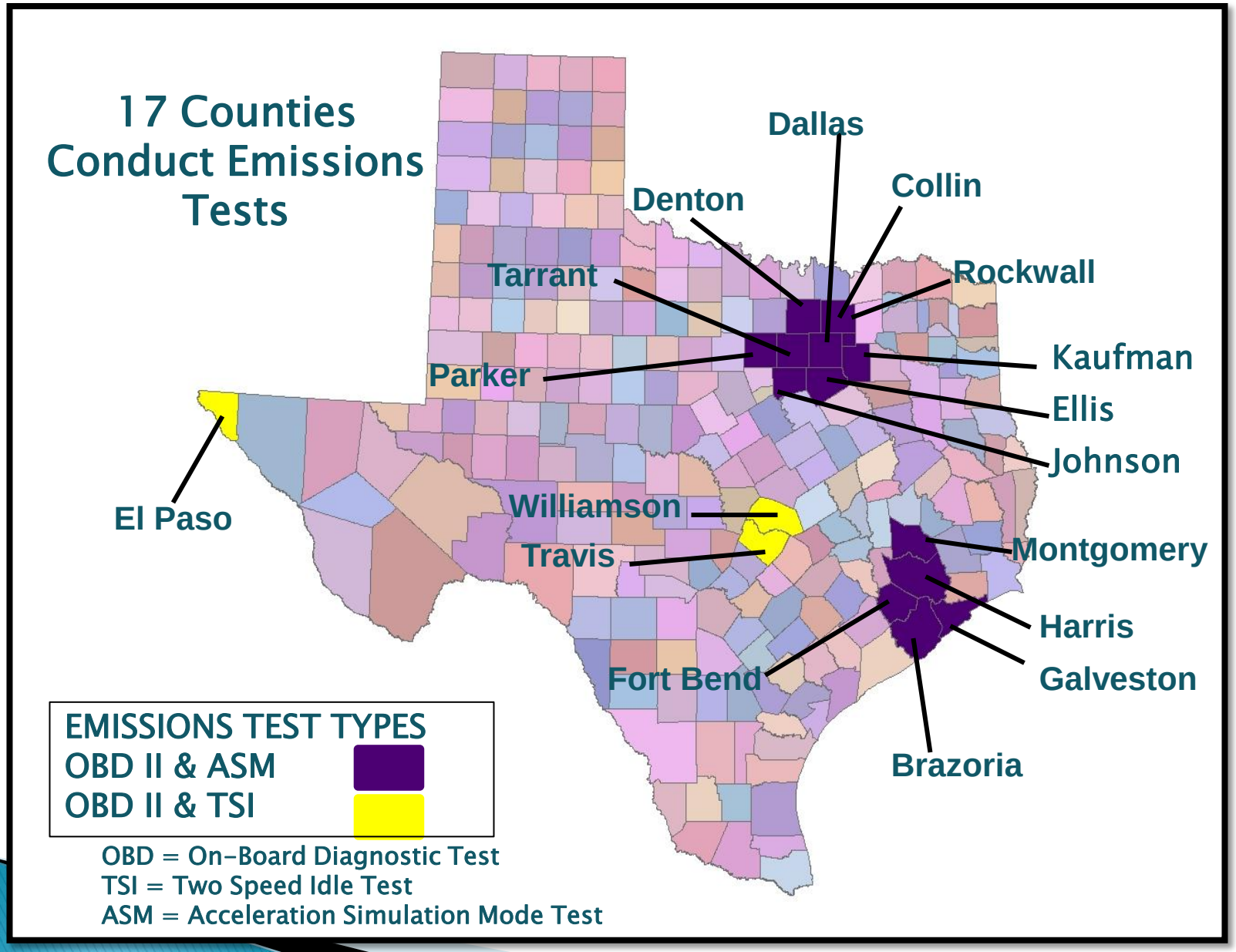
2,048 State Emissions Inspection Stations

Approximately 4.4 Million Registered Light-Duty Vehicles

Approximately 3.9 Million Emissions Inspections Performed Annually, With a 5.3% Emissions Failure Rate

Preliminary Analysis Estimates 20% of All Inspection Certificates are Counterfeit, Fictitious, Fraudulent, or Improperly Issued

EMISSION INSPECTION TYPES



PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED

Clean Scans –

Using a Known Good Vehicle In Place of One That Won't Pass

Counterfeit/Fictitious Stickers –

Multi-Million Dollar Problem

Wrong Test Type Used –

In Order to Circumvent Part of the Emissions Test

Inspector Integrity Lacking –

Sun Visor Inspections

Engine Control Unit (ECU) Simulators Found –

Hook Up Analyzer to Simulate Being Connected to a Vehicle

REGIONAL EMISSIONS ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Collaborative Program Developed by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to:

1) Enhance State's Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program

2) Target High-Emitting Vehicles to Reduce Emissions and Improve Air Quality

NCTCOG EMISSIONS DATABASE (NED)

Contains State Inspection Records for All 17 Emissions Testing Counties, Beginning May 1, 2002

Contains Over 70 Million Records Updated Weekly

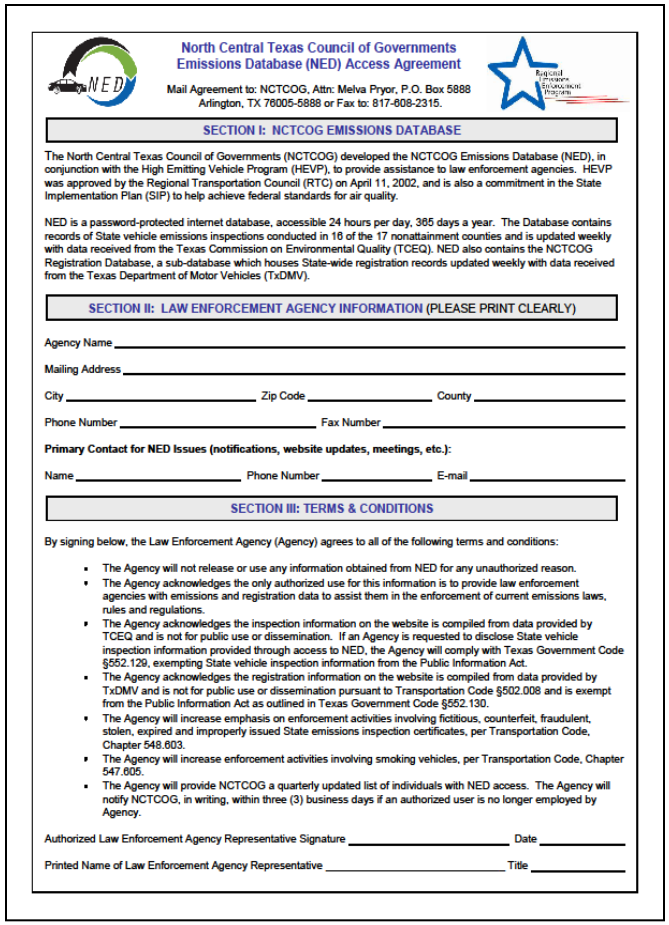
Internet Based, Password Protected, and Available to Law Enforcement Agencies 24/7 with Over 7,700 Users

NED CONTINUED

To Gain NED Access:

Step 1: Fill out and return the NED Access Agreement.

Step 2: Provide a list of commissioned officers that need access along with their first and last name and either their badge number or a unique identifier number.



North Central Texas Council of Governments
Emissions Database (NED) Access Agreement

Mail Agreement to: NCTCOG, Attn: Melva Pryor, P.O. Box 5888
Arlington, TX 76005-5888 or Fax to: 817-608-2315.

SECTION I: NCTCOG EMISSIONS DATABASE

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) developed the NCTCOG Emissions Database (NED), in conjunction with the High Emitting Vehicle Program (HEVP), to provide assistance to law enforcement agencies. HEVP was approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on April 11, 2002, and is also a commitment in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) to help achieve federal standards for air quality.

NED is a password-protected internet database, accessible 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. The Database contains records of State vehicle emissions inspections conducted in 16 of the 17 nonattainment counties and is updated weekly with data received from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). NED also contains the NCTCOG Registration Database, a sub-database which houses State-wide registration records updated weekly with data received from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV).

SECTION II: LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Agency Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ County _____

Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____

Primary Contact for NED Issues (notifications, website updates, meetings, etc.):

Name _____ Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

SECTION III: TERMS & CONDITIONS

By signing below, the Law Enforcement Agency (Agency) agrees to all of the following terms and conditions:

- The Agency will not release or use any information obtained from NED for any unauthorized reason.
- The Agency acknowledges the only authorized use for this information is to provide law enforcement agencies with emissions and registration data to assist them in the enforcement of current emissions laws, rules and regulations.
- The Agency acknowledges the inspection information on the website is compiled from data provided by TCEQ and is not for public use or dissemination. If an Agency is requested to disclose State vehicle inspection information provided through access to NED, the Agency will comply with Texas Government Code §552.129, exempting State vehicle inspection information from the Public Information Act.
- The Agency acknowledges the registration information on the website is compiled from data provided by TxDMV and is not for public use or dissemination pursuant to Transportation Code §502.008 and is exempt from the Public Information Act as outlined in Texas Government Code §552.130.
- The Agency will increase emphasis on enforcement activities involving fictitious, counterfeit, fraudulent, stolen, expired and improperly issued State emissions inspection certificates, per Transportation Code, Chapter 548.603.
- The Agency will increase enforcement activities involving smoking vehicles, per Transportation Code, Chapter 547.605.
- The Agency will provide NCTCOG a quarterly updated list of individuals with NED access. The Agency will notify NCTCOG, in writing, within three (3) business days if an authorized user is no longer employed by Agency.

Authorized Law Enforcement Agency Representative Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Law Enforcement Agency Representative _____ Title _____

NED CONTINUED

Training:

Classes Scheduled At the NCTCOG Regional Police Academy On:

June 18 and September 19

Register At: **www.nctcog.org/cs/rpa/classes.asp**

For On-Site Training, Contact:

Richard McComb Or Amanda Brimmer

MyTxCar

www.mytxcar.com/

My TX Car Search VIN - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by NCTCOG

http://65.82.88.77/Gordon-Darby_TX/MyTxCar.dll/EXEC/1/0sf56d71s7qii013whxes1847g5e

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Vehicle Emissions Inspection History

TCEQ TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AirCheckTexas. So we can breathe it. Not see it.

Search Vehicle Test History

To inquire on a vehicle's inspection history, enter a valid VIN or Safety Sticker Number in the applicable input field below, and click Submit.

The Texas vehicle emissions inspection history, through the end of the previous day, will be returned for the entered VIN or Sticker Number.

VIN: [ ] Submit

SAFETY STICKER NUMBER: [ ] Clear

NOTE: INSPECTION RESULTS FOR VEHICLES TESTED TODAY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL TOMORROW.

Vehicle inspection history is only available in areas that participate in the AirCheckTexas Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program. These areas include Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, El Paso, and Austin.

Information contained in the AirCheckTexas Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program database cannot be edited or amended. If there are any discrepancies with your vehicle inspection history, please contact the inspection station that performed the inspection on your vehicle.

Interested persons can visit the TCEQ Web site by clicking on the image below for more information on the Texas Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program and requirements.

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Reduce Number of Fictitious/Counterfeit Inspection Certificates By:

- **Performing Everyday On-Road Enforcement Utilizing NED**
- **Conducting Covert Operations on State Vehicle Emissions Inspection Stations to Identify Inspectors Performing Improper Inspections**
- **Prosecuting Offenders for Counterfeit Inspection Certificates**

Enforce Truck Lane Restrictions

Support Anti-Idling Restrictions

Enforce Smoking Vehicle Statute

Train Local Law Enforcement Officers

Encourage Collaboration Between Counties to Increase Enforcement Efforts

Regional Emissions Enforcement Program

PROGRAM PARTNERS

Counties

Dallas
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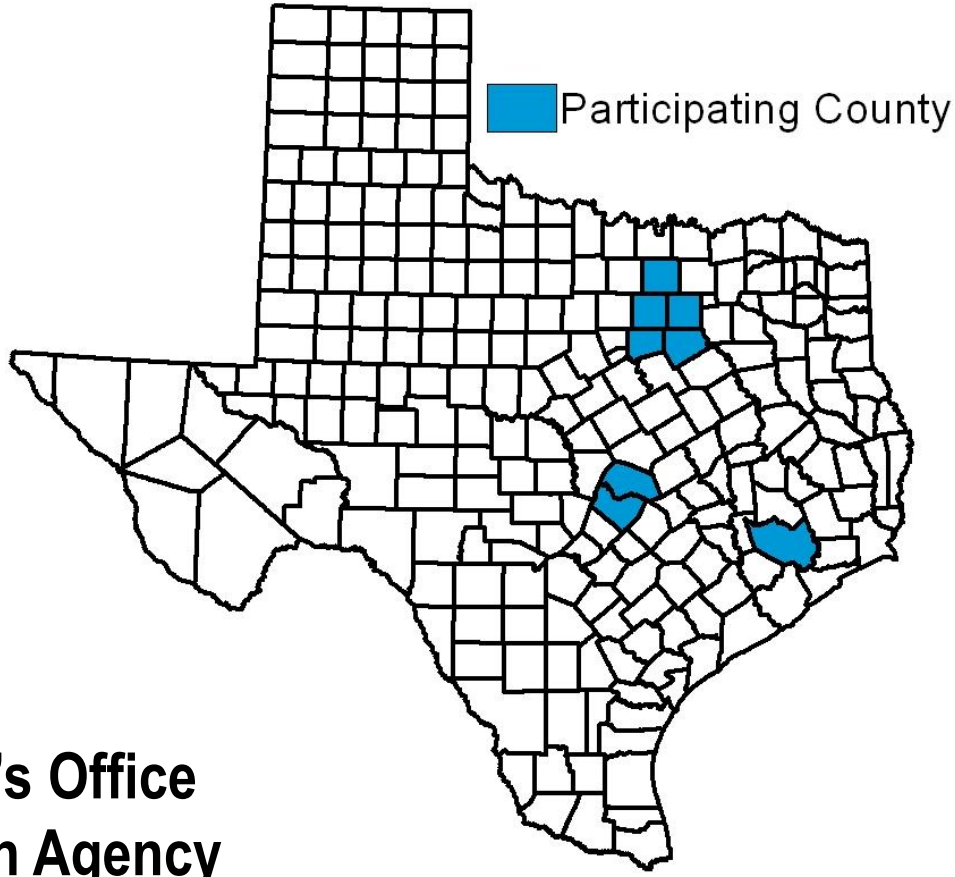

Other Agencies

Texas Attorney General's Office
Environmental Protection Agency
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Texas Department of Public Safety
Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

REGIONAL EMISSIONS ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Dallas County Emissions Task Force

March 15, 2008 – December 2011:

154	Felony Arrests
451	Felony Cases Filed
26	Vehicles Seized
30	Analyzers Seized
$45,359	Cash Seized
3,204	Fictitious/Counterfeit Certificates Confiscated
66,728	Citations Issued for Vehicle Emissions Related Offenses

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Counterfeits
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Faded Colors

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Incorrect Alpha Character

Valid, But Stolen From Another Vehicle

REGIONAL EMISSIONS ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Officer Using the NCTCOG Emissions Database to Verify a Vehicle's Inspection Certificate

Officer Issuing a Citation for Expired Inspection Certificate

Dallas County Sheriff's Clean Air Emissions Task Force Raiding a State Inspection Station Performing Illegal Inspections

Clean Air Excellence Award

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recognizes

North Central Texas Council of Governments

and its Regional Emissions Enforcement Program for outstanding, innovative efforts to improve air quality through Transportation Efficiency. This exceptional achievement demonstrates a true commitment to achieving cleaner air and protecting the environment.

We wish you continued success in solidarity environmental excellence.

NCTCOG Emissions Database and On-Road Emissions Enforcement Training Class

STUDENT ASSISTANCE

AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine Program may help repair emissions failures.

NCTCOG can supply information on other air quality programs.

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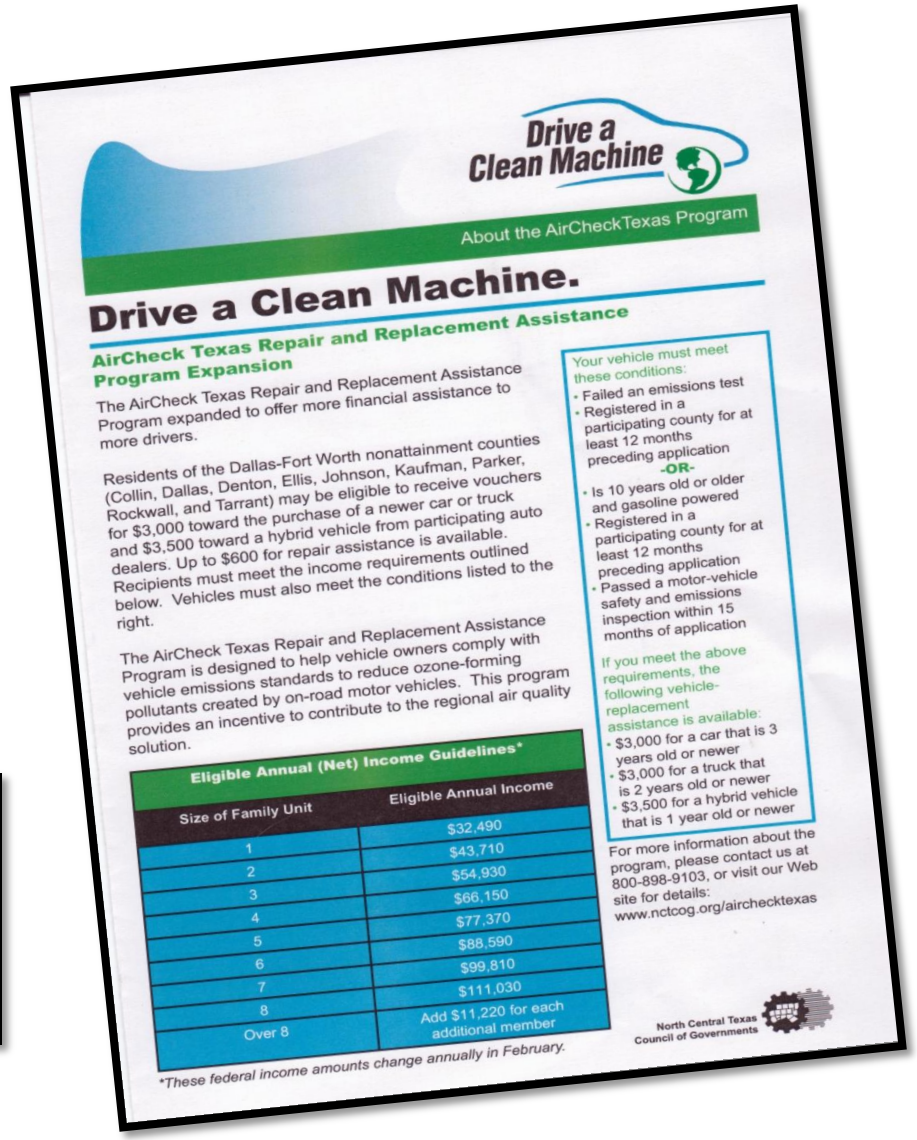
REGIONAL SMOKING VEHICLE PROGRAM



Drive a Clean Machine

About the AirCheckTexas Program

Drive a Clean Machine.

AirCheck Texas Repair and Replacement Assistance Program Expansion

The AirCheck Texas Repair and Replacement Assistance Program expanded to offer more financial assistance to more drivers.

Residents of the Dallas-Fort Worth nonattainment counties (Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, and Tarrant) may be eligible to receive vouchers for $3,000 toward the purchase of a newer car or truck and $3,500 toward a hybrid vehicle from participating auto dealers. Up to $600 for repair assistance is available. Recipients must meet the income requirements outlined below. Vehicles must also meet the conditions listed to the right.

The AirCheck Texas Repair and Replacement Assistance Program is designed to help vehicle owners comply with vehicle emissions standards to reduce ozone-forming pollutants created by on-road motor vehicles. This program provides an incentive to contribute to the regional air quality solution.

Eligible Annual (Net) Income Guidelines*

Size of Family Unit	Eligible Annual Income
1	$32,490
2	$43,710
3	$54,930
4	$66,150
5	$77,370
6	$88,590
7	$99,810
8	$111,030
Over 8	Add $11,220 for each additional member

*These federal income amounts change annually in February.

Your vehicle must meet these conditions:

- Failed an emissions test
- Registered in a participating county for at least 12 months preceding application

-OR-

- Is 10 years old or older and gasoline powered
- Registered in a participating county for at least 12 months preceding application
- Passed a motor-vehicle safety and emissions inspection within 15 months of application

If you meet the above requirements, the following vehicle-replacement assistance is available:

- $3,000 for a car that is 3 years old or newer
- $3,000 for a truck that is 2 years old or newer
- $3,500 for a hybrid vehicle that is 1 year old or newer

For more information about the program, please contact us at 800-898-9103, or visit our Web site for details: www.nctcog.org/aircheckcktexas

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SCHOOL ASSISTANCE

Provide Campus Police No-Charge Access to the NED

- **Free training classes scheduled at the NCTCOG Regional Police Academy on:**

  June 18 and September 19

  Register at: www.nctcog.org/cs/rpa/classes.asp

- **For On-Site Training Contact Richard McComb or Amanda Brimmer**

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