

***Propane Autogas: Fueling Texas* makes an impression at Police Fleet Expo**

AUSTIN — *Propane Autogas: Fueling Texas*, the Propane Council of Texas' educational campaign, made an impression at the Police Fleet Expo Southwest. From May 22-24, hundreds of police officers gathered in Fort Worth to discuss the most efficient and innovative ways to manage vehicle fleets—including converting to propane autogas, the world's most popular alternative fuel.

The *Fueling Texas* presence at the Police Fleet Expo included volunteers, educational materials, video presentations and a propane-powered Ford F-150 provided by Northwest Propane. Law enforcement officers had a chance to get up close and personal with the F-150, examining its bi-fuel system and asking questions about the benefits of propane autogas. Ford has announced that the 2013 F-150 will be available in special police, fire and rescue packages.

Law enforcement fleets that switch to propane autogas save 30-50 percent on fuel costs. Autogas's high octane rating means fleets spend less on maintenance costs and vehicle engines last longer—all without sacrificing the performance and range law enforcement officers depend on. Autogas vehicles also produce fewer harmful emissions, contributing to cleaner air in the communities officers proudly serve.

"Law enforcement fleets are fueling with propane autogas because it's dependable, reliable and safe," said Jackie Mason, Education and Marketing Director of the [Propane Council of Texas](#) (ProCOT). "Not only does autogas save taxpayer dollars, but it's a domestically produced, green choice that's consistent with the service-oriented mission of law enforcement officers."

In addition to several OEM options, EPA-certified conversion kits are available for both older and newer vehicle models, including the Ford Crown Victoria, Chevy Tahoe and Chevy Impala. With more than 700 fueling stations across Texas—or the option of installing an on-site fueling station at a low cost—officers can drive autogas vehicles with peace of mind.

Autogas tanks are 20 times more puncture resistant than gasoline tanks and can withstand up to four times the pressure, making autogas tanks more durable in an accident. Propane autogas has a lower flammability range than any other conventional fuel; and in one independent study, autogas tanks withstood direct hits from a variety of bullet calibers.

Law enforcement fleets across the state are making the switch to propane autogas, including Williamson County in Central Texas. Federal and statewide incentives may be available to offset the costs of conversion and refueling infrastructure. For more information, visit www.FuelingTexas.com.

[Propane Autogas: Fueling Texas](#) is a public awareness campaign that educates Texans about the benefits of running fleet vehicles and equipment on clean-burning, domestically produced propane autogas. The campaign features a series of statewide autogas presentations and road shows to provide fleet operators, drivers and community members a hands-on experience with clean autogas technology. To find out more about propane autogas, visit FuelingTexas.com.

About the Propane Council of Texas

The Propane Council of Texas (ProCOT) is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 dedicated to educating the public and the propane industry on safety and on the newest clean-burning propane technologies. ProCOT is the state entity that represents the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC), which was authorized by the U.S. Congress with the passage of the Propane Education and Research Act (PERA) of 1996. The program is funded with check-off funds from the propane industry and goes to fund several safety



programs, as well as the commercialization of new propane technology. Visit www.procot.org for more information.

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Fueling Texas volunteers answer questions about Northwest Propane's bi-fuel Ford F-150 at the Police Fleet Expo Southwest in Fort Worth, May 24, 2013.

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