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### **CITY ACTIONS HELP REDUCE FUEL USE BY MORE THAN 129,000 GALLONS**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – With gas prices flirting with the \$4 mark, the city of Glendale's three-year move to reduce gas consumption will help blunt the pain at the pump for the city's fleet of just over 1,200 vehicles.

Over the past three years, the city has reduced the number of vehicles it operates by 106. It has also downsized 200 vehicles from V-8 to more fuel efficient 4 cylinder models, and has 300 vehicles that can operate on E85, a fuel mixture of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent unleaded gas. E85 currently costs \$2.71 per gallon, significantly less than unleaded gas.

The fleet vehicle reduction, along with other city moves, has resulted in 1,245,000 fewer miles driven and a 129,300 gallon reduction in fuel used. That could calculate to a half million dollar savings.

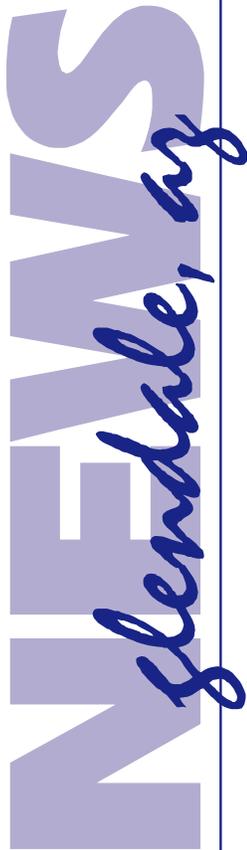
Other moves by the city include piloting the use of hybrid vehicles and creating a motor pool of 21 vehicles taken out of regular service. The motor pool gives city departments access to vehicles on an as-needed basis without having to maintain the full operation costs of having a dedicated vehicle. The motor pool was a large factor in the city's ability to reduce its fleet of vehicles from 1,414 in 2009 to 1,209 currently.

Another factor in the city's efforts to reduce fuel consumption is its rigorous maintenance schedule. Factors like proper tire inflation and clean air filters affect a vehicles gas mileage.

For tips on how you can reduce your personal gas consumption, visit

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