

City of Ventura's Fleet Services Division named #1 Small Fleet in the nation, for the second consecutive year

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Government Fleet magazine has named the City of Ventura's Fleet Services Division the #1 Small Fleet in the nation for 2015 -- the first fleet to be given this honor for two consecutive years. The award was presented to the City of Ventura's Fleet and Facilities Manager Mary Joyce Ivers at the annual Government Fleet Expo and Conference in Denver last month.

Public sector agencies were ranked by size -- small (499 or fewer assets), medium (500-999 assets) and large (over 1,000 assets). The City of Ventura's Fleet Division maintains and repairs 394 vehicles and equipment, which includes police patrol vehicles, fire pumpers, heavy construction equipment and the City's back-up emergency generators.

Government Fleet magazine's Leading Fleets award recognizes operations that are performing at a high level, particularly in fleet innovation and leadership as well as competitiveness, efficiency, planning for the future and overcoming challenges. Ford Motor Company sponsors the award.

"We're thrilled that our City's Fleet and Facilities team is being recognized as a national leader again," said Mayor Cheryl Heitmann. In one example of innovation and efficiency, the Fleet and Facilities Division has worked closely with our Ventura City Fire department to repurpose a 20-year old fire rescue cab, chassis and beverage trailer -- converting them into an Urban Search and Rescue truck/trailer. Most of the fabrication is being done in-house. Staff has also reduced our fleet by 10% through right sizing and utilizing hook-lift bodies to ensure the most efficient vehicle is being used for a project.

The Public Works Fleet Division also ensures the City complies with all Federal and State emissions regulations and promotes environmentally friendly practices.

For more information, contact Fleet and Facilities Manager Mary Joyce Ivers at 805-652-4539.

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