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Lieutenant Governor and Mayors to Tout Benefits of Alternative Fuel Vehicles
Leaders Designate November as Alternative Fuel Vehicle Awareness Month in Utah

SANDY, UTAH – State and community leaders will express their support for alternative fuel vehicles tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 6 at 10:00 a.m. at the Utah Women’s Expo in the South Towne Exposition Center in Sandy. Lt. Gov. Greg Bell, Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker, Salt Lake County Mayor Peter M. Corroon, Provo City Mayor Lewis K. Billings and Ogden City Mayor Matthew Godfrey hope to raise awareness of using alternative fueled vehicles as a source of transportation.

Mayor Becker, Mayor Billings and the lieutenant governor will join volunteers as they declare November as Alternative Fuel Vehicle Awareness Month.

"Switching from a conventional vehicle that runs on gasoline to an alternative fuel vehicle that runs on domestically produced compressed natural gas (CNG) can significantly improve fuel efficiency, reduce dependency on foreign oil and help air quality in Utah," said Lt. Gov. Bell.

When he is not walking or riding his bike, Mayor Becker uses his personal vehicle that runs on clean biodiesel. "The choice of vehicles we use has a significant impact on our air quality," he said.

"Our CNG vehicle costs about \$6 to fill up, so I like to use it on most county business in our valley," said Mayor Corroon. "The public’s understanding and acceptance of alternative fuel vehicles for personal transportation is a key factor in the further development of transportation choices."

Vehicle manufacturers currently offer more than 50 models of alternative fuel vehicles including hybrid, propane, battery vehicles, compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, clean biodiesel and ethanol for use in Utah.

“Ogden City has 10 CNG refuse trucks traveling through our neighborhoods, saving the city money and helping to clear our air,” said Mayor Matthew Godfrey.

Provo Mayor Lewis K. Billings noted, “Every city must seriously consider the long-term consequences of continuing to rely on foreign oil. As with so many of the challenges we face, we shouldn’t wait for Washington to solve all of our problems, but we should identify the prudent alternatives and then take action on our own. Provo has undertaken a strategic review of any and every option that can be employed to reduce our overall consumption of all fuels, enhance air quality and reduce our dependence on foreign fuels. These are tough objectives, but we have been able to make some headway.”

About Utah Clean Cities

Utah Clean Cities is an independent, non-profit organization comprised of 65 government and private organizations. Part of the U.S. Department of Energy’s strategy to reduce America’s dependence of imported foreign oil, Utah Clean Cities is dedicated to reduce the import needs by one million gallons of oil per day by 2020. The Coalition promotes following energy security strategies, alternative fuel vehicles, low-fuel blends, fuel economy, hybrid electric vehicles and idle reduction. For more information on Utah Clean Cities go to <http://www.utahcleancities.org>.

WHO: Lt. Gov. Greg Bell, Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker, Provo City Mayor Lewis Billings and other community leaders and stakeholders.

WHAT: Declaration of November as Alternative Fuel Vehicle Awareness Month

WHERE: Utah Women’s Expo at the South Towne Exposition Center – AAA Exhibit
9545 South State Street, Sandy, Utah

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 6
10:00 a.m.

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