

MOTOR VEHICLE NEWSLETTER

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Iowa DOT Central Programs Bureau

January updates on vehicle program, policy, and process issues.

ERT

Please note that we have posted tables showing ERT deals by county for 2020, 2021 and 2022 to <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/factsandstats>.

In 2022, there were 38,825 deals completed in ERT which is a 36% increase compared to 2021.

ERT Used Car Enters Pilot Phase

Following a successful round of testing, we have deployed the ERT Used Car programming into production as of January 26, 2023, for a pilot phase. During this pilot, expected to last about 2-3 months, we have nine dealers that will use ERT for used car deals. We will monitor the system to identify any errors or concerns, and then determine how and when to move to a full deployment. We have already been working with the counties where these pilot dealers are located, but the dealers may still send deals to any county based on the customer's residence.

Five dealers that could submit used vehicle deals as early as Thursday (1/26):

1. Dave Wrights Nissan (Linn)
2. Bob Brown Chevy Urbandale (Polk)
3. Carousel Pre-Owned (Johnson)
4. Deery of Ames (Story)
5. Zylstra Harley-Davidson (Story)

Four dealers will start submitting over the next few weeks:

1. Capital City (Polk)
2. 7. Junction Auto Sales (Linn)
3. 8. America's CAR-MART, Inc. (Des Moines)
4. 9. McGrath Used Superstore (Scott)

Motor Carrier Services (MCS)

MCS New Business Hours

Previously, MCS had been closed until 12:30 PM on Mondays for appointments and phone calls.

That has now been moved to Wednesday afternoons (closed from 12:00 PM to end of day, for calls and appointments).

Official hours are listed below:

Monday: 8:30 AM – 4:15 PM

Tuesday: 8:30 AM – 4:15 PM

Wednesday: 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Thursday: 8:30 AM – 4:15 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM – 4:15 PM

Proof of Prorate

Counties will still be able to send MCS (omcs@iowadot.us) emails on Wednesdays since they cannot call in on the phone.

Abandoned Vehicle Flyers

The Iowa DOT has developed flyers for the abandoned vehicle process (attached). There is one flyer for Private Property Owners, one for Law Enforcement, and 2 for Private Entities (tow companies, garage keeper, etc.). If you have a customer with questions on the abandoned vehicle process, you can provide them with the appropriate flyer.

If you have any questions regarding the abandoned vehicle process the point of contact is Kevin Kruse at kevin.kruse@iowadot.us or 515-237-3019.

Bureau of Investigation & Identity Protection (BIIP) Reminder

The BIIP (515) 237-3050 phone line is no longer in use.

If a customer needs to get in contact with an investigator or a member of the BIIP team, please share their new webpage as a resource. This webpage is designed to be a resource for both Iowans and team members with information on how to prevent fraud, find BIIP forms, and contact investigators located across the state.

Bureau of Investigation & Identity Protection Site: <https://iowadot.gov/biip/Home>

County Manual, Forms, & Webpage

Form 411067 Affidavit of Foreclosure Sale

This form was updated this week. Among other improvements to make the form more user-friendly, the update adds language to the form whereby the title is required when applicable. We understand there are limited situations where a county may process the application without the title.

Form 411067 Affidavit of Foreclosure Sale: <https://iowadot.seamlessdocs.com/f/AffidavitofForeclosureSale>

Annual vehicle data available on Web

Iowa DOT has updated annual vehicle data on the MVD Facts and States page at <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/factsandstats>. The reports on vehicle registrations, blackout plates, Flying Our Color plates and EV/PHEV registration fees have all been updated through December 31, 2022. Each of these reports includes data by county and all of the data can be shared freely with the public, including media and elected officials.

Code Move Notifications

7751/7757/7840/7861/7884 – ERT Used Car:

The first phase of ERT Used Car will be implemented with the code move. Since used card is more complex, it will be implemented in phases and not all transactions will be allowed with this phase. There are 9 dealers set up to pilot and additional training and information will follow. Congratulations and thank you to all that were involved in getting this launched. This is a huge step forward for ERT.

7892 – Corrected Title:

This fix is under VRT ☐ Title & Reg ☐ Corrected Title; when the vehicle was correctly listed as 'Business Trade' the validation process would flip it back to 'Regular' and would fire the DE – Vehicle list price cannot be blank. This code fixes the Corrected Title functionality by using the current/correct Vehicle Usage.