

When Fuel Cost Exceeds Payroll: A New Paradigm for Efficient Law Enforcement

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The purpose of this paper is to determine if State Law Enforcement using inefficient vehicles to patrol work zones is a sustainable strategy over the long term future with ever rising and unstable fuel costs and diminishing tax revenue. Research shows the viability of a variety of unique and different strategies that should be considered by law enforcement using technology and non-traditional equipment to reduce costs while maintaining efficiency. The specific problem relates to the acceptance of this new strategy by law enforcement. Through the use of questionnaires the project will show the benefit of these additional strategies. The research clearly shows that there are “out of culture” procedures and more efficient equipment that can be used to decrease the overall cost of patrol without diminishing service to the public.