



Bulletin

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ASSOCIATION CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAL'S AUTO SERVICE OF SCARSDALE . The JANUARY 2020 ASSOCIATION MONTHLY CONTEST WINNER!!! Please read through this bulletin for your chance to win!!! Call the office with the correct answer to the trivia question and you will be entered in the monthly drawing for a chance to receive a free month's dues; a value of \$45.00.

NY STATE INSPECTION PROGRAM TEST AUTHORIZATION FEE

There is no change in the text authorization (TA) fee for 2020. Each inspection / transaction pre-paid to Opus will remain the same at \$0.436 (43.6 cents) for this year. Test Authorizations will continue to be sold in batches of twenty at a cost of \$8.72 per batch. The TA fee is for each inspection your NYVIP CVIS conducts.

Under contract with the NYS DMV, Opus is the provider of Computerized Vehicle Inspection System (CVIS) equipment and information management for the New York Vehicle Inspection Program (NYVIP2). Your inspection station has a contract with Opus for those services.

NYSDMV does not have discretion in determining the test authorization fee amount each year. The contract between NYSDMV and Opus requires a recalculation of this fee each year based on the number of inspection / transactions occurring in the prior year by the entire inspection station network.

If you have any question, you may call Opus Inspection at 1-866-623-8378.

NYVIP 3 WILL BE IN EFFECT 2021

The NYVIP2 inspection program is expected to conclude in November 2021. Prior to that date, NY State anticipates a several-month transition to its next inspection program, NYVIP3, before discontinuing NYVIP2.

To remain an ODEIS, Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicle (HDDV) Inspection Maintenance (I/M) stations will be required to participate in the NYVIP3 inspection program. Costs to remain an ODEIS will include the purchase of new NYVIP3 equipment with an integrated smoke opacity meter to perform HDDV I/M inspections for the launch of NYVIP3. ODEIS station costs will also include a per transaction fee which is associated with the electronic transfer of inspection results to DMV. These requirements will apply to all licensed ODEIS, including those not currently required to operate a NYVIP2 unit.

As such, ODEIS may need to make interim business decisions regarding whether to purchase new smoke opacity meters or extended warranties as part of the current program. Please be advised that should a new HDDV I/M smoke opacity meter be purchased during the NYVIP2 program, it will **NOT** meet the requirements of NYVIP3.

In summary, current NYVIP2 smoke opacity meters will no longer be used for New York State HDDV I/M inspections after the launch of NYVIP3. The Departments will provide additional update(s) as details become available.

LIFE INSURANCE POLICY FOR YOU AND YOUR EMPLOYEES

We are now offering a \$10,000.00 life insurance policy for members and their employees under the age of 65 for a low cost of \$10.00 per month.

This would be a great benefit that employers can offer their employees or employees can pay themselves at a minimal cost. No medical exam required. The policies are NOT transferrable and will be canceled upon termination of employment or membership to the Association.

For those 65 and over coverage is reduced to \$6,500.00 and those over the age of 70 and over reduced to \$5,000.00. Those rates reduce as well to \$5.00 and \$4.50 a month.

Contact the association if you are interested or have any questions. See the enclosed flyer for more details.

PAYMENT METHOD

Streamlining is important in running a business to help your days be as productive as possible. You can set up automated payments to be debited from your accounts via ACH payments at no extra charge. Your monthly dues, disability premium and insurance premiums will automatically be processed on the same day each month. Call the association to schedule automatic payments and to lessen the burden of writing another check.

SEXUAL HARRASSMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Under the law, every employer in New York State is required to establish a sexual harassment prevention policy and provide sexual harassment prevention training to employees.

We will supply you with your company policy and training model for you to present to your employees, give you copies of the policy and the training and case studies along with acknowledgements of receipts for all of these items for each and every employee.

This must be done every year. Last year many of you fulfilled that requirement with the 2018 Edition of Sexual Harassment Training Procedures. The 2019 Edition has been released for your renewals. The fee for renewals is \$50.00 for 1-5 employees, \$75.00 for 6-15 employees and \$150.00 for over 15 employees.

If you haven't fulfilled the requirement yet please do so soon. The fee for this will be \$75.00 for 1-5 employees, \$125.00 for 6-15 employees and \$200.00 for over 15 employees. You will have all the necessary documentation to be in compliance with the DOL and the DHR.

NY PAID FAMILY LEAVE

On January 1, 2018, New York Paid Family Leave became a mandatory employee paid leave benefit. Virtually all private employers employing one or more employees in the state of New York, regardless where they reside, at least 30 days in any calendar year are required to obtain Paid Family Leave insurance which will be added as a rider to the disability insurance policy you already carry.

If you have disability through the association you should have received a self billing form from us for the full year of 2020. Please submit the form along with payment upon receipt. If you need another form please contact the office.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Thornwood Citgo
Thornwood, NY

SAE Diesel and Auto Repair
New Hampton, NY

TRIVIA QUESTION

HOW MUCH WILL A \$10,000.00 LIFE INSURANCE POLICY COST YOU?

Call the association with the correct answer and be entered into the monthly drawing.

I hope you enjoyed reading this month's bulletin. If you have any questions feel free to call the association. We are here to help you and your industry.

Regards,
Carla Obaldé
Operations Manager