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Dear Fleet Customer:

This letter is to inform you that the University of Minnesota, under the advice of Risk Management, will begin to phase out 12- and 15-passenger vans from the University fleet beginning in October 2010.

The increased risk of rollover crashes associated with 12- and 15-passenger vans is well documented. As of January 1, 2010, the State of Minnesota prohibits the use of all 15-passenger vans so as to comply with the State of Minnesota's Model Fleet Safety Management Standards (<http://sysd.state.mn.us/risk/PDF/AlertSummer2009.pdf>). For years, federal law has prohibited the use of 15-passenger vans for school-related transport of high school age and younger students.

The National Highway Transportation and Safety Association (NHTSA) states that 15-passenger vans are more likely to be involved in a single-vehicle rollover crash than any other type of vehicle. For more information on why these vehicles are particularly deadly, you are encouraged to read the May 2009 report, "Fatalities to Occupants of 15-Passenger Vans, 2003-2007" by the NHTSA: <http://tinyurl.com/yg5pxba>.

PTS knows that driving a vehicle is never a completely safe activity, but we are taking this action to reduce the risk of harm to members of the University community.

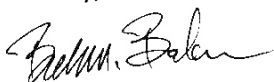
The decision to phase out 12-and-15-passenger vans will include the following:

- Effective immediately, the University of Minnesota will no longer purchase 12- and 15-passenger vans.
- Vans currently in the fleet will be taken out of service once they reach seven years of age or accumulate 70,000 miles, whichever happens first.
- As large vans are removed from the fleet, they will be replaced by an appropriate number of 7-passenger vans.
- PTS understands that this will cause departments to change the way they do business, but we strongly believe this action is necessary to ensure the health and welfare of our valued community.

As always, if there is anything PTS can do to assist you with your vehicle needs, please contact us.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,



Bob Baker, CAPP  
Executive Director  
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