

2018 Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition Achievements and Recognition Celebration



“Above and Beyond”

Chris Facente, UNC-Charlotte – for hosting a bucket truck demo and assisting with tabling and meeting coordination

Dave Favre, Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) – for providing support to the Coalition through volunteering time and CPCC’s vehicle to National Drive Electric Week and the National Association of Development Organizations Conference

Terry Keith, Excel Truck Group - for providing a Class 8 display vehicle at the Durham, NC Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference in August

Cornelius Willingham, Nissan - for providing support to the coalition through volunteering time and a vehicle to National Drive Electric Week and the National Association of Development Organizations Conference

Lang Reynolds, Duke Energy – for co-hosting a successful electric vehicle workshop at UNC Charlotte over the summer, attracting more than 40 participants from diverse organizations

PJ McKenzie, Mecklenburg County Air Quality – for presenting at the Western Piedmont COG Air Quality Conference and a CCFC Stakeholder Meeting

Piedmont Natural Gas - for participating in the EXPO at the Durham NC, Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference in August

Autonomous Vehicle Pioneers

Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition, Centralina COG – Honored by US Department of Energy (DOE) for Autonomous and Connected Vehicles workshops and task force.

Outstanding Partner

UNC Charlotte, Energy Production and Infrastructure Center, is recognized for receiving Advanced Vehicle Technologies Research funding from US DOE in partnership with Duke Energy and the Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition to assist with developing solutions for the curbside-charging of electric vehicles (EVs).

2018 NC Smart Fleet Award Winners

CHAMPIONS

NC Smart Fleet Champions have achieved the highest level of recognition that the program offers. Through demonstrated emissions reductions, improvements in fuel economy, use of alternative fuel vehicles, and use of best practices, these fleets serve as examples for the rest of us.

- **City of Charlotte:** The City of Charlotte continues remarkable progress in interdepartmental collaboration and management of fleet data, which gives them extra leverage to reduce air pollution and improve fuel economy across City functions. Nearly 22% of their total fleet is alt-fueled, including 30% of their light-duty fleet.
 - **UNC Charlotte:** UNC Charlotte’s steady Championship for clean transportation policies and practices shows in their 2018 application. This year UNCC tracked reductions in both vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and fuel consumption due to additional modes of transit.
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LEADERS

NC Smart Fleet Leaders have demonstrated a commitment to improving the sustainability of their fleet and have implemented some clean transportation technologies and best practices in their fleets.

- **Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District Building Services Department:** Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools showed continued leadership in clean transportation by significantly adding to their alt-fueled fleet, increasing their percentage from less than 1% to more than 3.5% of fleet, using both dedicated and bi-fuel Propane, and gas-electric hybrids. They continue to use technologies such as anti-idling, GPS, route planning, and driver prompts to support reduced MPGs and Eco Driving techniques.
- **Gaston County:** Gaston County has more than 13% of their total fleet being alt-fueled. Almost 32% of their medium duty fleet runs on propane with the option to run gasoline.

Sustaining Sponsors

UPS, represented by Mike McDonald -for ensuring the ongoing sustainability of the CCFC as well as showing support through active engagement within the organization.

PSNC, represented by Jim Cole - for ensuring the ongoing sustainability of the CCFC as well as showing support through active engagement within the organization.

2018 US Department of Energy Clean Cities Hall of Fame Inductee

Jason Wager, Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition - The U.S. Department of Energy honored Centralina Council of Governments Clean Fuels Coordinator Jason Wager for his dedication and outstanding accomplishments in working to advance alternative fuels and advanced vehicles in transportation for 18+ years.

2018 Mobile CARE Award Winner

The NC Clean Energy Technology Center Mobile CARE awards recognize transportation emission reduction efforts that are advancing alternative fuel and transportation technology activities in North Carolina.

Mobile CARE Award – Individual

This award goes to an individual in North Carolina who-in both their professional and personal life- has worked to advance the adoption of sustainable transportation technologies and practices.

Winner: Jason Wager

Jason Wager has been the coordinator of the Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition (CCFC) for 18 years. He provides leadership in the alternative fuels industry not only in the Charlotte region, but throughout the state and country. In North Carolina, Wager has been a long-time education and outreach provider for the Clean Fuels Advanced Technology Program, a steering committee member for Plug-in NC and a member of NCSEA's Electric Vehicle Working Group. He has organized countless educational activities related to clean transportation technologies in the Charlotte region. Nationally, Wager has served as a mentor to other Clean Cities coordinators and is a member of the Clean Cities Coordinator Council; these activities enable him to educate and assist new Clean Cities Coordinators.
