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County's fleet ranks 30th in North America

For the fourth consecutive year, Snohomish County has been named one of 100 Best Fleets in North America.

This year, Snohomish County ranks 30, its highest ranking ever. The 100 Best Fleets Program has been in existence for seven years and recognizes peak performing fleet operations in North America based on a number of criteria, including accountability, technology implementation, resource stewardship and competitive pricing

Snohomish County's fleet is also nationally ranked for green technology implementation. In 2009, the fleet received a National Association of Fleet Administrators Green Fleet Award, an Environmental Leadership Award from Government Fleet Magazine and the #4 Best National Government Green Fleet by 100 Best Fleets.

"Snohomish County continues to find innovative ways to reduce fleet costs, improve operations and control emissions," Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon said. "We are setting the tone for future generations to follow."

Snohomish County continues its use of biodiesel in its fleet and is increasing the number of electric cars in service. Today, about 70 percent of the county's diesel fleet is operating on blends of B10, B20 and B40 biodiesel, depending on the season. This reduces carbon emissions by about 640 metric tons annually.

The county is on target to convert its entire diesel fleet to biodiesel blends by 2012.

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