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Paulding County Auto Dealership Receives Financing Approval from OAQDA
Stykemain Chevrolet to Install, Upgrade Paint Booth Equipment

COLUMBUS – A third-generation northwest Ohio automotive dealership received approval for up to \$105,000 in financing for a new paint booth from the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) through the Clean Air Resource Center (CARC) at its May meeting.

Stykemain Chevrolet, 1255 N. Williams St., Paulding, will utilize the clean air financing to purchase and install a new, heated spray booth that will save energy and improve the environment in the dealership's body shop.

“We are committed to our community and to providing the best service to customers, which includes ensuring that we have best practices in place to preserve the quality of the air we breathe in our business,” Jim Stykemain, owner of the dealership, said.

Stykemain said the dealership, which has approximately 45 employees, has experienced robust growth in the past few years expanding its geographic sales and service scope. To accommodate this growth, the dealership will begin construction on an 11,000 square foot expansion project in June. A new collision center that includes the new paint booth will be a significant part of this expansion.

“The OAQDA financing through CARC helps us provide the highest quality repair and refinishing work for our customers in the most efficient way while making a positive environmental impact for our employees,” Stykemain said.

He added that the new paint booth reduces the amount of time required for each job and actually improves paint quality through more effective and even heat transfer to the treated auto parts. In addition, the dealership will be able to move from solvent-based paints to more environmentally-friendly water-based finishes.

“This paint booth project for Stykemain Chevrolet supports CARC’s mission of preserving clean air in Ohio. OAQDA is pleased to provide financing through CARC to help small Ohio businesses comply with clean air regulations and become air quality facilities,” Chadwick Smith, OAQDA executive director, said.

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The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) is a non-regulatory government agency created to help Ohio businesses comply with clean air regulations. Since its creation in 1970, the Authority has provided technical and financial help to hundreds of large and small Ohio businesses, awarding more than \$8 billion to finance air quality projects. For more information about OAQDA and its services, please visit its web site at www.ohioairquality.org.