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The Importance of NGV Training Highlighted at 2014 North American NGV Conference and Expo

Las Vegas, NV--Natural Gas Vehicle Institute (NGVi), North America's leading provider of training and consulting services related to natural gas as a transportation fuel, is pleased to announce its upcoming participation at the [North American NGV Conference and Expo](#). Conference attendees are invited to join NGVi at **booth # 832** on November 11-14 at the Kansas City Convention Center for individual conversations about their CNG/LNG training program needs.

NGVi co-founder and Executive Director, Leo Thomason, will host an educational session for fleets planning to procure high-quality technical training to prepare technicians and other operational personnel to safely and competently inspect, diagnose and repair natural gas vehicles. The session, "**Training: The Key to Safe, Reliable Vehicle Maintenance**," will be held on Thursday, November 13, from 1:30-2:40 p.m. Detailed information about the session and registration can be found on the conference website.

The session will provide fleets with an overview of engine and fuel system certification requirements, cylinder safety and inspection, technician training and testing as well as a panel of fleet managers discussing their experiences with successfully implementing training programs for their personnel. Expert speakers will include NGVi customers: Donald Coldwell, Sr. Manager, Aftermarket Training from Volvo/Mack Trucks Academy, John Goralski, Manager of Fleet Maintenance Education from FedEx Freight Inc., and a representative from Penske Truck Leasing. The information presented by the panel will serve as a guideline for fleets interested in learning about the important aspects of a successful NGV training program.

"Technician training, like vehicle maintenance, must be an ongoing process," said Leo Thomason. "The best fleet managers understand that a strategic training plan is key to their success."

As more NGVs roll out into fleets, there is a growing demand for adequately trained maintenance technicians who will service and repair these vehicles. Because of direct contact with the fuel delivery

system, storage, and fueling equipment, it's imperative that NGV technicians recognize the differences in working with a high-pressure fuel, know how to use safety equipment, and identify the safety hazards.

"It is crucial that NGV technicians understand not only the differences between natural gas and traditional fuels, but that they know how to perform maintenance, diagnostics and repair of NGVs, as well as understand safe working procedures specific to these vehicles," said Thomason. "Not understanding how to diagnose technical problems with natural gas vehicles can cost thousands of dollars per vehicle, and inadequate safety training could cost lives," he added.

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[About NGVi](#): Established in 1989, NGVi is the only Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) CASE (Continuing Automotive Service Education) accredited training provider for CNG and LNG vehicles. In its more than 25-year history, NGVi has equipped more than 18,000 students with the skills they need to safely deploy, operate and maintain natural gas-powered vehicles and fueling stations. NGVi's client base includes a vast number of truck operators, commercial fleets, government fleets, school bus fleet operators, vehicle manufacturers, fleet leasing companies and NGV industry members. Clients include Agility Fuel Systems, Cummins Inc., FedEx Freight, Freightliner, Frito-Lay, Kwik-Trip, Mack Trucks, McNeilus, Navistar, Inc., Penske Truck Leasing, Republic Services, Rush Trucks, Ryder, TravelCenters of America, Supervalu, UPS, Volvo, Waste Management and many more.

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