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**NATURAL GAS VEHICLE INSTITUTE BRINGS EXPERT NATURAL GAS VEHICLE AND CNG FUELING STATION SAFETY TRAINING TO OKLAHOMA CITY**

LAS VEGAS- Las Vegas-based Natural Gas Vehicle Institute (NGVi) is pleased to announce that it is bringing its world renowned natural gas vehicle (NGV) and compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station safety training for the first time to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in early March. NGVi will offer *CNG Fueling System Inspector Training* on March 8-9 and *CNG Fueling Station Operation & Maintenance Certification Course* on March 10-11. Both classes will be held at the Oklahoma City Marriott. Register for one or both classes at <http://www.ngvi.com/training.html> or by calling 1-800-510-6484.

There has been a significant increase in the use of natural gas vehicles in Oklahoma and surrounding states over the past few years. In Oklahoma alone there are over 50 CNG public and private fueling stations with 14 planned to come online within the next two years. Major government entities and private sector businesses, including the City of Oklahoma City and United Parcel Service (UPS), have been using CNG to fuel some or all of their fleets. More and more fleets are turning to natural gas as an alternative to gasoline-powered vehicles for the significant operating, economic and environmental advantages that using natural gas as a transportation fuel afford.

“Natural gas as a transportation fuel is extremely safe, but its unique properties require specialized training to properly operate and maintain natural gas vehicles and fueling stations,” says Leo Thomason, Executive Director and lead instructor at NGVi. “I always stress the importance of safety to anyone considering using natural gas. High-quality safety training can reduce risk and prevent unnecessary accidents.”

NGVi’s *CNG Fueling Station Inspector Training* trains vehicle technicians to safely inspect CNG fuel systems to detect potential safety hazards. The *CNG Fueling Station Operation & Maintenance Certification Course* provides in-depth instruction on proven best safety practices for natural gas fueling station operation and maintenance. Both classes will be taught in at the Oklahoma City Marriott in Oklahoma City, OK on March 8-9 and March 10-11, respectively.

About NGVi: NGVi is North America’s leading provider of education and training programs and technical consulting on natural gas vehicles and fueling technologies. Established in 1989, NGVi has worked with hundreds of companies and government agencies throughout the U.S.

and worldwide to help successfully integrate natural gas into their transportation mix. The professional staff each has more than 25 years' experience in technical consulting and training on natural gas vehicles and fueling. Leo Thomason, Executive Director, is known internationally as an expert in natural gas fueling and vehicle technology and has personally successfully trained more than 14,000 students in the United States and worldwide. <http://www.ngvi.com>