



## 2017 Sustainable Fleet Awards Judges



**Charlie Ker**

Charlie joined Cummins Westport Inc. (CWI) in 2010 and currently oversees the company's business interests as Director, Industry Relations & Refuse Segment. He works closely with Cummins' North American distribution network to help private companies, governments and industry groups on broad policy issues as well as fleet-specific projects. Prior to CWI, Charlie held numerous sales and marketing positions at Westport Innovations where he oversaw the launch of natural gas truck programs at the Port of LA and Long Beach as well as along Canada's "Clean Air Corridor" from Toronto to Michigan. A graduate of the University of Western Ontario, Charlie serves on the board of the Canadian Natural Gas Vehicle Alliance and has been affiliated with the DOE Clean Cities Program since 2001. CWI is the leading manufacturer of natural gas engines for North American truck and bus markets.



**Richard Battersby**

Richard is the Manager of Equipment Services for the City of Oakland, CA and is Coordinator of the East Bay Clean Cities Coalition. He has over 25 years in the fleet industry and has managed public and private sector fleets ranging in size from 70 to 7,000 vehicles. He has over 15 years' experience with alternative fuel vehicles including the implementation of the first ever alternative fuel vehicle program for Airborne Express freight company, the EV Sacramento program, and the State of California CNG and hybrid electric vehicle expansion programs. He is also responsible for fielding over 2500 alternative fuels and advanced technology vehicles and was involved in the design and construction of numerous alternative fuel and EV charging stations throughout California. Richard is a Certified Automotive Fleet Manager (CAFM) and Certified Public Fleet professional (CPFP) and has been named Public Sector Fleet Manager of the Year by both Government Fleet Magazine and the American Public Works Association. He is also an inductee into the Department of Energy Clean Cities and Public Fleet Manager Halls of Fame. Richard speaks frequently on clean air vehicle grant funding at industry events and has participated in the successful award of \$10.9 million in clean air vehicle project funding. He chairs the Fuels and Technologies Committee and ARB Advisory Council for the National Association of Fleet Administrators and sits on the Steering Committee of the Bay Area EV Strategic Council. Richard is a US Army veteran and has a BS degree from the California State University, Sacramento.





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**Gary Lentsch**

With over 30 years of fleet experience; Gary is a results-producing utility fleet professional with a proven record of accomplishment in planning and leading comprehensive fleet strategies. He's focused on the development of consistent fleet maintenance programs that assures the safe and reliable operations of fleet vehicles and equipment while maintaining a highest level of customer service. His fleet operation is dedicated to improving EWEB's vehicles and equipment, implementing programs that save dollars for EWEB's customer-owners, and most of all, making Eugene, Oregon a better place to live." EWEB's fleet was recently ranked one the nation's Leading Fleets by Government Fleet magazine and been recognized as one of the 100 Best Fleets in North America for the last 4 consecutive years.

EWEB's fleet has also earned the following honors in recent years:

- Top 50 Green Fleets by Heavy Duty Trucking Magazine (2014)
- CLEANFleet Tier 5 certification - a national program developed by the Coalition for Green Fleet Management to certify both private and public fleet operations as energy efficient and environmentally responsible. The top tier, Tier 5, is designed for highly advanced fleet operations.
- Blue Seal of Excellence - To be eligible for this recognition, at least 75% of an organization's mechanics must be certified by the National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).
- Eco-Logical Business Certification - The certification recognizes vehicle service and repair businesses that reach the highest standards in minimizing their environmental impact.

As a proud member of NAFA Fleet Management Association, I have received a CAFM certification as a fleet professional in the areas of asset management, business management, financial information, fleet information management, maintenance management, risk management, vehicle fuel management, and professional development.



**Dan Zenger**

Dan has been in the fleet industry over 27 years and is currently the Fleet Manager for the City of Longview for the past 10 years. These years of training and experience has provided a good sound base for the job as Fleet Manager. During these years, he has been an active member of various fleet organizations, American Public Works Association (APWA), Public Fleet Managers Association (PFMA) and NAFA Fleet Management Association where he served as the Pacific Northwest chapter secretary and chapter chair for 6 years as well as the Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities. In 2010 & 2013 was recognized among the Top 100 Best Fleets in North American.





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**Rick Wallace**

Rick Wallace is a Senior Policy Analyst at the Oregon Department of Energy in the Planning and Innovation Division and serves as the agency expert on alternative fuels, infrastructure and vehicles in the transportation sector. Rick also served as Coordinator of the Columbia Willamette Clean Cities Coalition for eleven years and now serves as a board member of the coalition. The coalition promotes the use of domestically produced transportation fuels and fuel efficiency. Rick has accumulated seventeen years' experience developing, marketing and administrating conservation and renewable fuel programs. Before his work in energy Rick worked 14 years in the aerospace/defense industry as an engineer.



**Tim D'Alessandro**

Tim is the Operations & Fleet Maintenance Manager at Rogue Valley Transportation District in Medford, Oregon. His duties include direct oversight of transit operations, fleet maintenance and facility maintenance. He is also charged with assisting in the oversight of the para-transit operation (Valley Lift) and the non-emergent medical transportation program (Translink). Rogue Valley Transportation District began using CNG in their transit buses in 1994. As an early adopter of CNG Technology, RVTD's transition was not without its struggles. There were no schools and this technology was very young. As a result, most of what was learned was by trial and error. RVTD now has a highly skilled staff of technicians that can maintain both CNG vehicles and CNG fueling facilities. 75% of RVTD's transit fleet runs on CNG. Tim has worked for the RVTD for 33 years. Over that period, he has held the positions of Coach Operator, Dispatcher, Transportation Supervisor, Transportation Mgr., Fleet Maintenance Mgr. and current position of Operations and Fleet Maintenance Manager. Tim has worked with the Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition for several years and has been a Board member for 3 years. He is a newly elected City Councilman for the City of Medford and sat on the Medford Planning Commission for 2 years.



**Dan Brown**

Dan Brown has spent the past 23 years working for the US Environmental Protection Agency, in both national and regional offices, implementing voluntary and regulatory programs to reduce air pollution from energy, industrial and transportation sector sources. He currently works for EPA's Region 10 Office leading work on the West Coast Collaborative, Clean Power and the Georgia-Basin/Puget Sound International Air Shed. He has an MS in Environmental Science and Engineering, a BS in Civil Engineering and is a Certified Energy Manager.

