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February 3, 2009

Team Dead Weight
West Branch Middle School E-Cybermission Program
West Branch, IA 52358

Dear Team Dead Weight,

I wanted to personally thank you on behalf of the City of West Branch for your hard work and dedication to your E-Cybermission project concerning the use of lead wheel weights. Your presentation to the City Council on January 5, 2009 was both interesting and thought-provoking. As Mayor Hatfield and the Council stated that night, the City, using the information your team provided, has established a plan to eliminate its use of lead wheel weights on City owned vehicles.


As of February 1, 2009 all Police Department vehicles have had their lead wheel weights removed and steel wheel weights replaced. There were approximately eight wheel weights replaced.

Most of the Fire Department equipment does not currently use wheel weights. Because of the cost associated (based upon size of tire and difficulty in removing them) with re-balancing the tires that do have them, these will be phased out over the next calendar year. There will be approximately 16 weights replaced.

The Public Works department has four smaller trucks and one car that will have the weights replaced this spring, once weather and timing allows for them to be out of service for short periods of time. Most of the larger trucks either do not have weights on, or do not need them. These will be removed or replaced this summer, when they are not needed to be ready with snow plows attached. A total of approximately 24 weights will be affected in Public Works.

Overall, there have been or will be approximately 48 wheel weights changed as the City of West Branch phases out lead wheel weights. I will update the Team as these weights are phased out and a final number will be provided. Once again I want to thank you for your work on this topic and for enlightening not only the City Council and staff to the dangers of continued lead wheel weight use, but the information you are providing to the public as well. Good luck in your continued pursuit of this topic.

Sincerely,



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