



# VA medical center has the RIGHT PRESCRIPTION FOR COST- EFFECTIVE FLEET MANAGEMENT

*"This service gives us greater peace of mind."*

Danny Schepis  
Vehicle Manager  
Engineering Department

## JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED

- Fast, reliable roadside assistance.
- Improved vehicle utilization.
- Extended vehicle life.
- Easier vehicle usage reporting.

When hospital vehicles break down, getting immediate help is critical. Without it, patient care could be jeopardized. Vital supply shipments are delayed. And mobile staff might not arrive at a remote care facility. Quick response requires an efficient vehicle tracking system that can instantly pinpoint the location of disabled vehicles – a system the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center lacked. Since installing the Verizon Networkfleet wireless fleet management system, the hospital has significantly improved vehicle utilization while lowering fleet operational costs.

### SEARCHING FOR A SOLUTION

The Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas, provides transportation services to more than 500 veterans and hospital staff. Some of its older vehicles, often donated by veterans' organizations, suffer from frequent breakdowns. The hospital's management sought a solution to help it improve vehicle utilization, offer faster roadside assistance, and accurately document vehicle usage to meet regulatory requirements.

### A HEALTHIER FLEET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The medical center installed Networkfleet's wireless fleet management system – which merges GPS technology with wireless coverage to provide near real-time vehicle usage and engine diagnostic data – in 79 of its vehicles. The hospital is now putting these tracking capabilities and engine data to good use, starting with vehicle utilization.

"We have to show that every government-leased vehicle is regularly used," said Danny Schepis, vehicle manager for the engineering department. "With Networkfleet automatically capturing starting and ending odometer readings, we've boosted vehicle utilization to 92%. It also helps us provide fast, reliable roadside assistance."

### SERVING MORE PEOPLE MORE EFFICIENTLY

In addition to robust vehicle tracking capabilities, Networkfleet also includes roadside assistance for fuel delivery, battery boost, and other emergency services. Schepis knows that if a vehicle breaks down while transporting a patient or critical supplies, roadside assistance will get there fast.

By automatically alerting management when vehicles exceed pre-defined speed thresholds, Networkfleet has helped reduce reports of speeding to almost zero. Its onboard engine diagnostics help protect drivers, and extend vehicle life by diagnosing and reporting small problems before they become big ones. In one case, Networkfleet indicated that a police cruiser had developed an exhaust leak. Schepis immediately had the leak repaired, helping protect the health of the officer and anyone else riding in the vehicle.

"We keep expanding our fleet to meet the needs of our growing Community Outreach clinics," added Schepis. "We now cover most of the state's rural areas – a task made easier and more efficient with Networkfleet."

### READY TO GET STARTED?

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