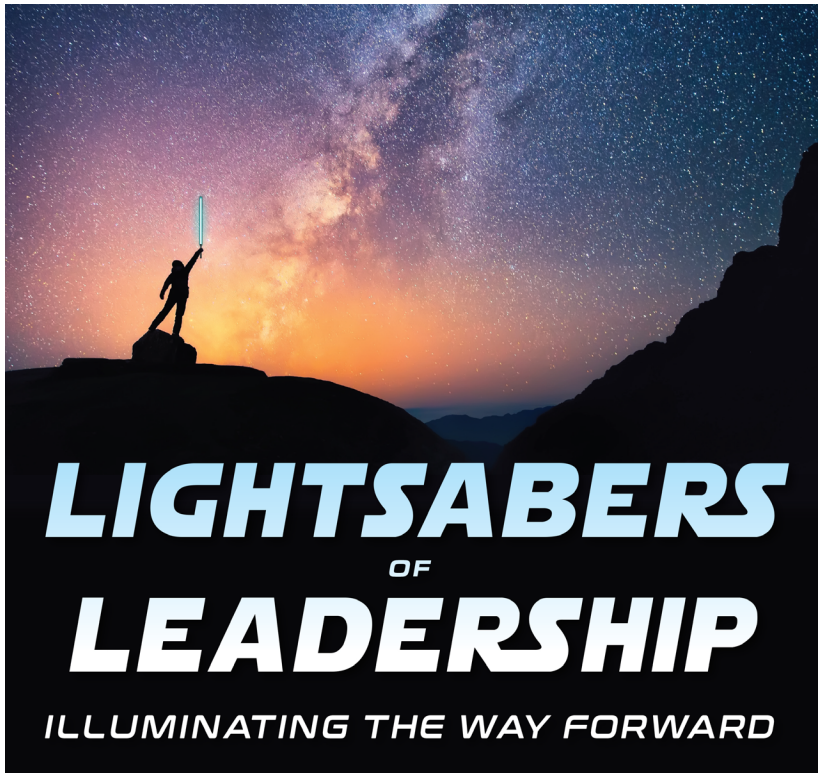




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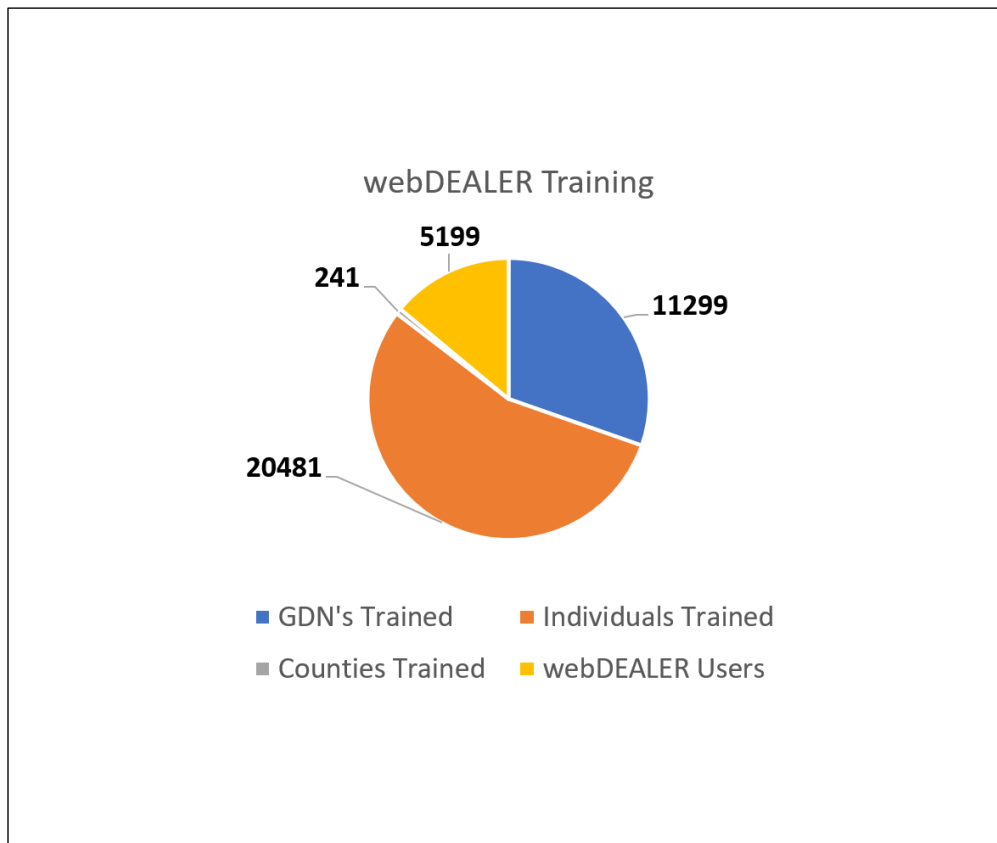
TxDMV Update

Legislative Update

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles continues to process legislative requests impacting the department, including bill analyses, fiscal notes, cost estimates, and hearing preparations. As of early May, the Vehicle Titles and Registration (VTR) Division has reviewed 101 bills covering topics such as autonomous vehicles, miniature vehicle registration, new specialty license plates, and the implementation of a real-time county scofflaw reporting system. The regular legislative session concludes on June 2, 2025.

webDEALER Training

Ahead of the April 30, 2025, mandatory dealer training deadline, VTR conducted nine in-person training events and six live webinars in April. Locations included Bexar, Ellis, Harris (twice), Webb, Hidalgo, and Tarrant counties, plus two Texas Independent Automobile Dealers Association (TIADA) events. Since February 2024, 143 training sessions have taken place, with 20,481 attendees and 11,229 licensed General Distinguishing Numbers (GDNs) trained.





Top: Hidalgo County dealer training on April 22. Middle: Webb County dealer training on April 15. Bottom: Bexar County dealer training on April 2.

Performance Quality Recognition Program (PQRP)

VTR recognized outstanding tax assessor-collectors for service excellence through the PQRP program. The program recognizes tax assessor-collectors who provide exemplary customer service and for going above and beyond in providing vehicle title and registration services. PQRP recognizes tax assessor-collectors at three levels - Gold, Silver, and Bronze - for outstanding performance and efficiency in processing title and registration transactions. Congratulations to this year's recipients:

- **Gold Award:** Brazoria County (Kristin Bulanek) and Fort Bend County (Carmen P. Turner)
- **Silver Award:** Karnes County (Tammy Braudaway) and Comal County (Kristen H. Hoyt)
- **Bronze Award:** Chambers County (Laurie G. Payton), Bowie County (Josh Davis), and Wharton County (Cindy Hernandez, awarded May 12, 2025)

Brazoria County



Fort Bend County



Comal County



Karnes County



Wharton County



Chambers County

Bowie County

Bluebonnet Region Meeting Summary**Date:** April 9, 2025**Location:** La Grange, Fayette County

The Bluebonnet Region held its regional meeting on April 9, 2025, in La Grange, with 66 participants representing 13 counties in attendance. We were pleased to welcome five newly elected Tax Assessor-Collectors (TACs) to their first regional gathering.

The meeting featured a strong lineup of speakers:

- Representatives from the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division (PTAD) discussed current property tax issues.
- The firm Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott provided insight into new property tax legislation under consideration in the state legislature.
- Larry Gaddes shared updates on the top new laws being discussed.
- Roslyn Hopkins gave a presentation on Red Flag issues and emerging TACA trends.

During the roundtable discussion, participants focused heavily on HB718 and its implications for dealers moving forward. The newly elected TACs contributed thoughtful questions and helped generate engaging discussion.

The meeting concluded with a strong sense of fellowship and productive dialogue among attendees.



The San Antonio Region held their regional meeting on Monday, April 7, 2025 in Leakey, Texas.

Great turnout!



Longview Region Meeting

Date: April 23, 2025







The Longview Region held a meeting on April 23rd at Papacita's in Longview. They had about 65 people attend the meeting.

Linebarger sponsored their meal. Charlie Escobedo, Jessica Kelley and Warren Kirkland from TxDMV did a presentation on HB 718 and Jim Lambeth, Capital Partner with Linebarger, did one presentation on exemptions, and one on mobile homes. They had a good meeting and a great turnout.

As House Bill 718 implementation grows closer, so do the questions. Our offices, like many of you I'm sure, have received an influx of calls from Dealers about the new law and the significant operational changes for the Texas motor vehicle industry effective July 1, 2025. We are doing our best to answer all their questions but, have you checked out the HB718 page on the TxDMV website?

<https://www.txdmv.gov/HB718>

Lots of helpful information for Dealers, Law Enforcement, County Tax Offices, and the General Public. The easy to read chart (below) was very helpful for my staff when trying to explain to Dealers how it will look for them when the new metal license plate types take effect. There is also a very handy Dealer reference brochure you can print for your Dealers and a FAQ's About Dealer Plates.

	Buyer Provisional Plate	For short-term use if dealers lack the required plate type for the vehicle in their inventory.
	Dealer Temporary Plate	For dealers' business-related uses, such as test drives, loaner vehicles, or transporting the vehicle. Personal use of vehicles with these plates is prohibited. The new Dealer Temporarily Plate does not replace the current metal dealer license plate, which is permissible for dealers' personal use.
	Out-of-State Buyer Plate	For vehicles sold to out-of-state buyers.
	Temporary Registration Plate	For temporary registration, replacing one-trip and 30-day permits (issued by county tax offices and TxDMV regional service centers).



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Please note: As in years past, the room block filled quickly. A waitlist is being kept on a first-come, first-served basis. To be placed on the waitlist, contact [Regan Williams](#) or (800) 456-5974. You will be contacted when a room becomes available.

To cancel your conference registration or hotel reservation, please email [Regan Williams](#). This will help move fellow attendees off the waitlist. We kindly request that you not post your reservation on the TACA listserv, because this hinders waitlist management.

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