# National Motor Vehicle Title **Information System**

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### **NMVTIS Overview**

- Federally mandated
- Substantially reduces/eliminates brand washing
- Substantially reduces/eliminates odometer rollbacks
- Identifies superseded or fraudulent titles
- Impacts about 2% of all title transactions



# **NMVTIS** is Working

May 12, 2014 to July 20, 2015:

- 7,697,206 county and TxDMV inquiries
  - 130,152 errors
- Discovery of:
  - 12,634 odometer reading discrepancies
  - 20,031 brand discrepancies
  - 2,913 superseded titles
  - 9 fraudulent titles



# NMVTIS is Working – Brand Errors

- 314 junked (nonrepairable) vehicles
- 5,790 recaptured brands (not on surrendered ownership)
  - Previously washed or omitted in error
- The rest (~ 14,000) were primarily data entry errors
  - Review the title/ownership document
  - ~ 10% of total NMVTIS errors could be avoided if closer attention was paid to existing brands on surrendered titles



# Areas of Improvement and Increasing Efficiency



#### RTBs and NMVTIS Guide

#### ■ Most Important RTBs:

- #007-14 NMVTIS Error Processing
- #010-14 NMVTIS Notification of Brands
- #014-14 Updates/Certain Out-of-State Brands

#### NMVTIS Guide

 Contains the latest guidance available for handling NMVTIS errors



# **Fixing Errors**

- Any transaction with a NMVTIS error requires review
- □ Fix all transactions if possible
- Any transactions you cannot fix, send to TxDMV directly. Do NOT send to OpenText unresolved.
- All fixed transactions (with no new errors) go with daily work and can be sent to film <u>EXCEPT</u>...



# Sending Transactions Incorrectly

- **EXCEPT...** All transactions with 910 errors must be sent to the TxDMV once brand is applied.
- Never send transactions with 910 errors to OpenText.
- Continue sending any other special handling to the TxDMV as well.
- Transactions going to OpenText with unresolved errors.
  - Large volume are not fixed when found in imaging
  - Many are not in imaging and assumed still with the TAC
  - TxDMV works nearly 5,500 transactions with NMVTIS errors that have not been issued titles each month



### 910 Error for "SALVAGE" Brand

- NMVTIS Brands 02, 11, 16, 31, 32, and 50
- Obtain VTR-61.
- Collect \$65 Rebuilt Fee.
- Apply REBUILT SALVAGE.
- Send directly to TxDMV as NMVTIS special handling after the above three items are completed.
- Do not just apply the Rebuilt Salvage brand when NMVTIS indicates it is Salvage. You must obtain the form and collect the fee.
- Remember: All 910 (Brand) errors must be sent to TxDMV even after you fix the transaction.

## 910 Error for "JUNK" Brand

- NMVTIS Brands 07, 08, 53, 90, and 91
- Send transaction to TxDMV. No need to contact or send the customer a letter
- TxDMV verifies the brand with reporting state and ensures the vehicle has not been rebuilt in a state where it is legal to do so (yes, those states exist).
- □ If the vehicle is junked and not legally rebuilt, TxDMV will contact customer, return paperwork, and provide refunds.
- Remember: no need to contact the customer when getting a 910 error indicating JUNK. Just send to TxDMV.

#### 910 Error for "RECONSTRUCTED"

- NMVTIS Brand 10
- In some states, when a vehicle has been repaired after a "salvage" event, it is branded "RECONSTRUCTED"
  - Alaska, <u>Louisiana</u>, Massachusetts, Oregon,
    Pennsylvania, Idaho, North Carolina, Wyoming
- When you see "RECONSTRUCTED" for those states:
  - 1) Apply the REBUILT SALVAGE brand
  - 2) Do not apply the RECONSTRUCTED brand
- Programming has been requested



#### **535 Error for Odometers**

- Need statement of fact (SOF) from buyer and seller where the odometer was reported incorrectly
  - May have to check film to determine.
- If appropriate buyer and seller cannot provide SOF, brand title as "NOT ACTUAL MILEAGE"
  - Inform the customer
- If error occurred on an out-of-state document, film or a SOF from that state entity is required



### **Dealer Transactions**

TxDMV suggests you notify the dealer as well.

Customers tend to contact dealer when contacted by county.

### Carfax

- No need to check Carfax
- If NMVTIS indicates a brand, it is required regardless of what Carfax indicates.
  - TxDMV will send the customer a letter and work with the customer if there is a dispute.
- Carfax is not acceptable to dispute odometer errors either.

# **Contacting Other Jurisdictions**

- No need to contact other jurisdictions
- Doing so causes duplicate work, as the TxDMV must contact other jurisdiction(s) anyway if necessary.
- Doing so delays the customer's transactions.
- Most situations can be handled by the TxDMV without having to contact other jurisdictions.

# **Process Corrections Timely**

- Process corrections timely = reduced inquiries
- Automatic title issuance = customers expect title within a couple weeks
- Transactions sent to OpenText or the TxDMV (as applicable) within 14 calendar days of initial processing
- TxDMV actively monitors thousands of transactions monthly
  - Unresolved NMVTIS errors
  - Multiple months old



# **Questions and Feedback**

