

## **Are you ready for the road?**

Most mechanical failures can be traced to neglected maintenance. Each year neglected maintenance leads to more than 2600 deaths, and nearly 100,000 disabling injuries. The US Department of Transportation reports the leading cause of mechanical breakdown on our nation's highways is overheating. A simple full service at your local lube should be able to check for fluid levels, belts, and cooling system hoses to prevent such occurrences.

During National Car Care Month, 21% of cars inspected in check lanes had under inflated tires. When you're driving the rubber of the tires gets hot softening the rubber. An under inflated tire will wear the sidewall causing a blowout which can lead to a serious or even fatal accident. If you are not sure how many pounds of air pressure (PSI) your tires should have, check inside the driver's door. Inside the door jam you will find a vehicle information sticker. You will be able to find the required PSI for your tires. NOTE: Vehicle information sticker may be on another door in some vehicles. The owner's manual should contain the correct information as well.