

New River Auto Skills Center Permanently Closing January 22, 2019

Background Information

Effective Tue, Jan 22, 2019, the New River Auto Skills Center will permanently close. Current fees and hours of operation will remain in effect until the close of business on Tue, Jan 22, 2019.

FAQs

Why is this being done?

These changes are being implemented as a result of continued budget cuts and funding constraints. While for many years this program was significantly subsidized with appropriated money, over the last four years it has completely transitioned to business operations and must be self-sufficient in order to continue to operate. We can no longer afford to absorb the losses of this program at two locations.

Where will I be able to work on my car?

Customers may continue to utilize the Auto Skills Center at Camp Lejeune. Hours of operation are Wed-Fri 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Mon & Tue closed.

Why not close Camp Lejeune and keep New River open?

The Camp Lejeune Auto Skills Center is a larger facility and has more bays for customer use, so the decision was made to transfer employees and some equipment to Camp Lejeune.

When is this happening?

The New River Auto Skills Center's last day of business will be Tue, Jan 22, 2019. All customer projects that require overnight storage need to be removed from the facility by the close of business on Sun, Jan 20, 2019. Customers with small repairs (i.e., oil changes, tire rotations, etc.) may utilize the facility on Tue, Jan 22 with the understanding that their vehicle will not be able to remain onsite at the close of business.

Will hours be expanded at the Camp Lejeune facility in order to accommodate the needs of additional customers?

The structure of the Auto Skills Development program is heavily mandated by Headquarters Marine Corps MR and does not allow for an expansion of hours beyond the current offerings.

Why not raise fees to generate revenue instead of closing the facility?

The structure of the Auto Skills Development program is heavily mandated by Headquarters Marine Corps MR and does not allow for the ability to locally increase bay/lift fees to generate additional revenue.