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NYC, BOSTON, VOLPE SIDEGUARDS PARTNERSHIP RECOGNIZED

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This September, the Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC) recognized NYC, Boston, and Cambridge MA for their partnership with the Volpe Center at US DOT to promote side guard technology. The organizations received the FLC's 2015 Excellence in Technology Transfer Northeast Regional Award.

As reported in their website, the FLC was organized in 1974 and formally chartered by the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 to promote and strengthen technology transfer nationwide. Today, approximately 300 federal laboratories and centers and their parent departments and agencies are part of the FLC which focuses on promoting technology innovation among federal laboratories and their partners.

In May of 2014 DCAS partnered with Volpe to study the potential benefits of using truck side guards on City vehicles. DCAS and Volpe prepared a report in December 2014 and the City announced an initial roll-out of 240 units or 5% of the City fleet in February 2015. On May 6, 2015 Mayor de Blasio signed a law mandating side guards on City trucks and commercial waste hauling units operating in NYC. NYC currently has 160 units retrofitted on City trucks from 20 different agencies with more installs occurring each week. DCAS is also requiring side guards on all new trucks starting FY16 and received the first bids for new trucks that will include side guards recently.

Thanks and congratulations to the following:

Volpe: Dr. Alexander Epstein, Andrew Breck, Coralie Cooper, Eran Segev, Sean Peirce

Boston: Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics, Kristopher Carter

City of Cambridge: Department of Public Works, Owen O'Riordan

NYC: Mahanth S. Joishy, Jacek Graczyk, Susan McSherry, and all our City fleet agency partners.



FLEET SPOTLIGHT: LENIN FIERRO, TRAINER, NYC FLEET

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Lenin Fierro is an Administrative Manager at NYC Fleet focused on the DCAS aspects of Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero program to improve traffic safety for all New Yorkers. DOT and DCAS provided an update on these efforts at a City Council hearing this week.

Lenin is a NY State certified defensive driving trainer and has directly instructed and interacted with thousands of the 23,000 City drivers who have gone through safety training with DCAS since Jan. 2014.

Lenin is also coordinating our recent initiative to survey fleet drivers on fleet and safety. Since November 2014, DCAS has collected surveys from over 6,000 authorized fleet drivers at 36 agencies with surveys conducted both in-person and online through the DCAS Fleet website. Agency operators provide feedback regarding the quality of defensive driving classes, fleet maintenance at their agency, the Vision Zero plan, sustainability goals, and suggestions to make the fleet and driving experience safer and better.

Lenin also helps manage the CRASH collision tracking system and follow up on 311 calls regarding City vehicles. On October 8, 2015 Lenin was recognized for outstanding customer service to City fleet agencies by DCAS. A 10 year veteran of the US Navy, Lenin was raised in Queens and lives there with his wife, Brenda and daughters, Faith and Destiny. He is an avid soccer fan, especially of the New York Rebels.

