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## FLEET LAUNCHES VISION ZERO ROLLOUT OF TRUCK SIDEGUARDS *KEITH T. KERMAN*



In May 2014 DCAS partnered with the Volpe Center at US DOT to conduct an assessment of truck sideguard technology. Sideguards are rails placed between the front and rear wheels on trucks that can protect bicyclists, pedestrians and motorcyclists in the case of a collision.

Sideguards have been required on trucks in Europe, the UK, Brazil, and elsewhere over the last two decades. A 2005 report on sideguards in the UK found that they reduced fatalities by 61% for truck collisions with bicyclists and 20% with pedestrians. As per a NYC Health study in 2005, trucks constitute 3.6% of vehicles in NYC but account for 12.3% of pedestrian fatalities and 32% of bicyclist fatalities.

While common and standard equipment overseas, truck sideguards have rarely been deployed in North America. A number of cities have launched smaller pilots including Boston which tested side-guards on 16 City vehicles and also recently mandated truck side-guards for private fleets that contract with the City in the future.

Volpe and DCAS worked with each major truck operating agency to assess the potential for side-guards and discuss potential installation and operational issues. In 2015, the City will install at least 240 side-guards on City fleet units, the largest project of this type in US history. The first 18 units will be installed in February on DCAS, DEP and Parks units.

Thanks to everyone for your help with this important Vision Zero initiative especially staff at FDNY, DOC, DEP, NYPD, FDNY, DOT, and DSNY who worked with Volpe and DCAS on the report. We will update further as the project moves forward. The final report can be found online at our Fleet website.

## SPOTLIGHT: JUSTIN WILSON, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE *MAHANTH S. JOISHY*



Our Black History Month features continue this week and we are proud to recognize another outstanding member of fleet services. Justin Wilson is Fleet Coordinator at the Department of Finance (DOF) where he has worked for 10 years. Justin served in customer service and employee support roles before his promotion to Fleet Coordinator in July 2008. Working with DCAS, Justin oversees the maintenance, fueling, and dispatch for 122 vehicles citywide.

The DOF fleet is made up mostly of sedans along with some SUVs, vans, minivans and several heavy duty trucks including a tow truck and one emergency service vehicle. Of these, 56 are hybrids. These vehicles are used by every division for jobs such as technical support, property assessment, facilities maintenance, audits, and supply transport in support of the Finance mission.

Finance collects over \$30 billion in revenue for the City and values more than one million properties worth a total of over \$800 billion. Various divisions at Finance record property-related documents, adjudicate and collect parking tickets, and maintain the City treasury. Finance also houses the Office of the Sheriff, the City's chief civil law enforcement agency. The agency plays an important role in Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero plan through its enforcement of traffic violations including speeding, red light, and bus lane infractions. In addition, Finance is currently working with DCAS Fleet on streamlining the notification and collection process for all City fleet violations.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, where he now resides, Justin is known for his professionalism and responsiveness. After attending Archbishop Malloy High School and the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, Justin has been with Finance ever since. Thanks for all your great work.