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NYPD AND DCAS INSTALL BACKUP CAMERAS ON TOW TRUCKS

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As part of Vision Zero, NYC Fleet has begun installing backup cameras on large vehicles including DCAS box trucks for freight delivery and NYPD tow trucks. With DCAS support, NYPD is conducting the largest truck retrofit project so far on 120 tow trucks used citywide.

DCAS has surveyed over 12,000 City drivers about fleet safety and service. Backup cameras have been the most requested safety improvement with over 60% of respondents citing these as a priority to both protect pedestrians and reduce collisions while backing up.

In 2014, NHTSA implemented new requirements that all new light-duty vehicles sold in the United States must have a backup camera by 2018. This law will apply to cars, SUVs, and vans under 10,000 lbs. GVW. Trucks are not yet part of this federal requirement but heavy duty units are an area where fleet will look to install cameras where feasible.

Backup cameras are one component of our emerging Safe Fleet Transition Plan (SFTP) to improve safety in vehicle design. We will be discussing the SFTP more in future newsletters. Thanks to NYPD Fleet Services and DCAS Transport for partnering on this retrofit safety initiative.

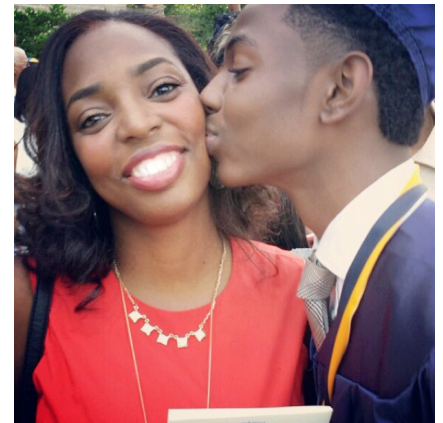


FLEET SPOTLIGHT: TAMIKA JOHNSON OF DCAS

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In FY16 Fleet implemented a record \$325 million in new vehicle acquisitions, featuring some of the most cutting edge electric, hybrid, solar, emission reduction, and safety equipment available in the fleet industry. Almost 17,000 City vehicles now run on alternative fuel. All of these new vehicle purchase orders come across the desk of Tamika Johnson, Director of Fleet Acquisitions at DCAS, for fleet policy and local law enforcement and purchasing coordination.

Tamika joined DCAS in 2005 and worked as an analyst for the then Office of Fleet Administration (OFA) which was under the IT Department at the time. Tamika's role has steadily grown especially as NYC Fleet replaced OFA. In addition to managing acquisitions, Tamika compiles fleet PMMR and MMR reporting. She also coordinates the personnel functions for NYC Fleet including the interviewing and hiring of new staff and interns. Tamika worked at HRA for nearly 7 years prior to DCAS where she was a case worker in employment planning. She assisted numerous clients with updating resumes, training, and registering for civil service exams. Tamika also supervised staff and non-profits who registered clients for health plans, and in this role she coordinated with city, state, and federal agencies.



"I like HR functions and my role as a liaison to the agencies, and I try to be honest and straight up with people about our policies," said Tamika about her work at DCAS. Born and raised in Harlem, she attended college at Hampton University in Virginia and currently lives in the Bronx with her son Nasim, a standout high school football player (pictured). Her brother Gary Johnson works nearby at the Mayor's Office of Operations. Tamika works closely with other women at NYC Fleet: Latia Riley, Bessie Ogletree, and Sherry Lee, and we are proud to spotlight her for Women's History Month.