

DCAS and City Agencies Introducing New Team of Safe Driving Trainers

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On March 29, DCAS held a Train-the-Trainer session as part of an initiative to certify a new team of safe driving trainers for in-person Vision Zero Safety Training. DCAS Claims Coordinator Veronica Rodriguez and Crash Coordinator Nate Koszer teamed up to provide the training which was attended by 26 trainers from 7 agencies including the Department of Sanitation, Department of Environmental Protection, NYC Parks, Department of Correction, Administration for Children's Services, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and DCAS. DCAS works with the National Traffic Safety Institute (NTSI) to certify trainers. The certification requires classroom work and assessment of each applicant conducting live training.



City fleet staff at the in-person train-the-trainer session led by DCAS staff members Veronica Rodriguez and Nate Koszer.

Since the Vision Zero initiative began in NYC in 2012, DCAS and its partner fleet agencies have now trained over 90,000 fleet operators in safe and defensive driving. DCAS focuses on training for non-emergency staff while NYPD and FDNY offer their own safety training

which includes an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC). In addition to life saving driver tips, employees can receive insurance benefits and points reductions after completing the all-day course.

NYC Fleet Vision Zero Safety Training since January 2012		
Agency	Fleet Operators	Percent
DCAS Client Fleets	23172	26%
Department of Sanitation	17606	20%
NYC Parks	16427	18%
Department of Environmental Protection	11203	12%
Department of Transportation	10047	11%
Department of Health	3319	4%
Department of Correction	3245	4%
NYPD/FDNY Civilian	2859	3%
NYC Housing Authority	1784	2%
Total	89,662	

In 2020, in-person training was disrupted due to the COVID-19 emergency. DCAS introduced an online version of the course to maintain the pace. To date, over 19,000 fleet operators from across 53 separate agencies and offices have completed the online version of the course, which begins with a safety message from Mayor Adams. Starting April 2023, DCAS and Fleet agencies will return to regular in-person training while also maintaining the online option.

NYC Fleet Online Safety Training since July 2020		
Agency	Fleet Operators	Percent
DCAS Client Fleets	5970	31%
NYC Parks	3798	20%
Department of Transportation	2788	15%
Department of Environmental Protection	2469	13%
Department of Health	1052	6%
NYPD/FDNY Civilian	1038	5%
Department of Correction	872	5%
NYC Housing Authority	658	3%
Department of Sanitation	388	2%
Total	19,033	

DCAS safety training emphasizes the need for focus while driving at all times; reminds operators that DCAS bars hand-held and hands-free phone use by drivers; explains the 3-second rule for avoiding rear-end crashes; and reviews the regulations for proper fleet operation.

In 2023, we will be introducing discussion of Intelligent Speed Assist (ISA) based on our on-going pilot; review crash safety with electric vehicles; and present safety risk reporting for each vehicle through our Fleet Office of Real Time Tracking (FORT).

All authorized City fleet operators must complete this course. Agency performance on this training requirement is also reported in the Mayor's Management Report (MMR), fleet section.

City fleet operators can either [enroll for online training](#), or sign up for in-person training by reaching out to their Agency Transportation Coordinators (ATCs) or [emailing DCAS Fleet](#).

NYC Fleet Manual

The NYC Fleet Manual and Drivers Handbook has been updated. Please see the updated version at [NYC Fleet Manual and Drivers Handbook](#).

Save the Date: 34th Annual Equipment and Vehicle Show

The 34th Annual Equipment and Vehicle Show will take place on May 11, 2023 at Flushing Meadows Corona Park in Queens. The show is hosted every year by DCAS in collaboration with the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, and highlights vendors who support the City of New York's Clean Fleet and Vision Zero initiatives.

To register and learn more, visit [DCAS's website](#).

34th Annual Equipment & Vehicle Show

Thursday, May 11, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Rain Date: Friday, May 12, 2023

Flushing Meadows Corona Park,
Queens, by the Unisphere

Car-Free Earth Day

Car-Free Earth Day is an annual car-free event hosted by the NYC Department of Transportation. Programming is presented at signature locations citywide, to promote activism and education surrounding climate change, sustainability, and other relevant topics.

This year's celebration will be held on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22.



Fleet Vision International: The Show

The 2023 [Fleet Vision International: The Show](#) will take place on April 26 and April 27 in London. Registration information, speakers, and the full agenda [are now available](#).



COVID-19 Safety Reminder

For all fleet drivers, when interacting with others in close quarters such as within a vehicle, it is strongly recommended to wear a mask.



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