

**Industry Notice # 09-07
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VIDEO & TELECONFERENCING AVAILABLE AT TLC'S STATEN ISLAND OFFICE

On December 22, 2008 the Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC), announced a pilot program providing respondents who had received TLC summonses with the ability to have their hearings heard by teleconference from our Staten Island facility, located at 1893 Richmond Terrace, rather than having to appear in person at our Long Island City facility. **Beginning on Monday, April 13, 2009, the TLC is expanding this program to include Videoconferencing. The process for Videoconferencing is the same as with Teleconferencing.....**

- On the day your summons is scheduled to be heard, you should arrive at our Staten Island facility, located at 1893 Richmond Terrace, approximately one-half hour prior to the scheduled hearing time.
- When you arrive, you must indicate to TLC personnel in the office that you are there for a hearing.
- You must indicate if you want the hearing done by Teleconferencing or Videoconferencing.
- If you wish to have your hearing done by Teleconferencing or Videoconferencing, you will be required to sign a form whereby you agree to waive false identity as a defense.
- You must have available your current, valid identification, i.e. valid driver's license, AND your TLC License.
- Bring with you any evidence (documentation, etc.) that you want the Judge to consider in your defense. The information will be faxed to the Judge to review with you.
- TLC personnel will contact our Long Island City hearing facility and initiate the process for you.

If you have any questions, please call the Staten Island office at 718-815-3736 or call 311.