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FLEET SPOTLIGHT: RANDY JOHN, SERVICE WORKER, FDNY

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This week we begin our annual fleet spotlights in recognition of Black History Month. We begin with Randy John, an automotive service worker at the FDNY.

Randy joined FDNY Fleet Services after working in the service department of Plaza Honda and Star Nissan where he got his initial fleet repair experience. At FDNY, Randy is currently assigned to the machine shop where he assists with re-building of specialized components including brake rotors and radiators for FDNY fire fighting trucks. Randy also recently assisted on boom cylinder repairs, a less common repair challenge.

Randy is very grateful for the opportunity to work for the city and especially FDNY. Randy views his co-workers as the best part of the job. "They all treat you like family," confirms Randy, "and assist you when you need help. They don't let you just sink or swim."

Randy graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in Brooklyn and then got his certificate in Automotive Repair from Lincoln Tech. He holds a CDL with a Class A tow truck endorsement. He also recently took the mechanics civil service test and is looking forward to moving up the ranks.

Randy resides in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, and his hobbies include working out, playing football, and modifying performance cars. Welcome from all of us to fleet and thanks!



NYCHA AND DCAS PARTNER ON FLEET

KEITH T. KERMAN

City Hall, the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), and DCAS finalized an agreement on January 18, 2018 to consolidate fleet management services between NYCHA and NYC Fleet. Under the agreement, NYCHA will become fleet's newest client fleet and DCAS will provide fleet administration, servicing, and fuel access for approximately 900 light and medium duty NYCHA units citywide.

The partnership between NYCHA and DCAS has been developing over many years. In November 2014, NYCHA began using NYC Fleet Focus through DCAS as the management system for its fleet and equipment operations. In August 2013, DCAS completed a special initiative to assist NYCHA with auctioning of their City vehicles. In January 2016, we formalized that partnership and DCAS has been performing all NYCHA's fleet auction functions. In 2017, DCAS also began training NYCHA drivers as part of our Vision Zero safe driving initiative, shown here. DCAS has already trained over 800 NYCHA vehicle operators.

Starting this month, NYCHA will now receive full client services including repair inspections, fueling, body and glass work, auction, and fleet administration. NYCHA will join the Fleet Federation and more closely adopt the citywide fleet rules. We also hope to partner further on Vision Zero, NYC Clean Fleet, fleet tracking, and other initiatives.

This agreement furthers our shared services initiative in fleet which now covers over 6,000 fleet units. Thanks to everyone at NYCHA, Law, DCAS General Counsel, OLR, OMB, Fleet and the Mayor's Office who worked on this initiative, and welcome NYCHA.

