
NYC Fleet Spotlight: Anthony Dell'Era, Quality Assurance, DCAS

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In FY18, DCAS completed the largest acquisitions program for fleet in City history, with over \$419 million in acquisitions. Last month at our Vision Zero Safety Forum, we recognized the specifications team from City agencies that helped develop the technical design and contract requirements for our complex fleet.



Equally important, working behind the scenes are the skilled quality assurance inspectors at the DCAS Bureau of Quality Assurance (BQA). BQA ensures that dealers and manufacturers supply our vehicles and equipment in full compliance with technical specifications. They also serve as technical experts helping advise on fleet and equipment issues at every step of the process.

One of the most capable is Anthony Dell'Era. Anthony's background is as an auto mechanic. He joined the City with NYCHA and has worked with DCAS BQA since 2006. Anthony has a wealth of knowledge from a lifetime around cars. His experience includes working for Mercedes Benz, Volvo, and running his own business.

While working for DCAS, Anthony has seen and inspected everything from scooters, boats, robots for the NYPD's bomb squad, Police Command Center vehicles, Correction buses, and the list goes on to all 160 types of units in our fleet.

Anthony is very proud of the work he does. "This is the best job anyone could have," states Anthony. "From doing research, testing, the inspections, problem resolution, and just making sure everything is done correctly."

NYPD and Fire rescue units are a particular focus for Anthony, who takes to heart that these are built to protect first responders and save lives. A benefit or burden of the role, depending

on your view, is that Anthony must travel extensively throughout the country to inspect and monitor the production of fleet units at manufacturing plants.

Anthony is a graduate of Thomas Edison High School in Queens and resides in Howard Beach with his wife Rony. In his spare time he enjoys making wine, riding motorcycles, traveling, and spoiling his dog Cindy. Thanks to Anthony, BQA Director Dan Calles, and the entire BQA team.

Spotlight Correction: NYC Fleet Newsletter from December 7, 2018, Issue 245, identified Juana Garcia as the first female dockmaster for the City of New York. In fact, Christine Stoddard served earlier in the dockmaster title, from 2014 to 2017, also at the 79 Street Boat Basin in Manhattan. Christine has since moved on and is serving as an Administrative Staff Analyst at DCAS. Thanks for letting us know and for your service to two of our favorite agencies!

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