Citywide Administrative Services

SPOTLIGHT: THE FDNY AMBULANCE FLEET

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FDNY, OMB, Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), and DCAS have partnered over the last year on the City's largest recent order of new replacement ambulances. By the summer of 2014, FDNY will receive 203 new ambulances costing $42 million. This represents a 42% upgrade of the City's existing ambulance fleet of 485 units. The first 21 new units have been delivered from the vendor, Wheeled Coach Industries.

One hundred thirty eight (138) of these units will be outfitted for Basic Life Support to help EMTs provide first aid, defibrillation, and medication. Another 65 ambulances will be outfitted for Advanced Life Support to help paramedics provide pre-hospital critical care such as patient assessment, defibrillation, cardiac pacing, and advanced airway procedures. FDNY will also be piloting shore power anti-idling equipment that will allow ambulance crews to maintain their HVAC and communication systems without running the engine.

FDNY's ambulance operation is supported by a 24-hour fleet repair operation, including mechanics who perform mobile field repairs, based out of the Review Avenue Garage in Long Island City, Queens. In the last 18 months, ambulance repair has moved into a larger and more modern facility, expanded staffing and shifts, and introduced new parts and fleet management systems. All these investments will help ensure effective response times and emergency services for years to come.

Thanks to Assistant Commissioner Mark Aronberg, Andy Diamond, and FDNY's fleet team for their critical work.