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NYC Fleet Agencies Install 200th Electric Charger

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Last month, NYC installed its 200th electric (EV) charging station with the completion of a site at FDNY's Building Maintenance Division in Long Island City. In fact, NYC now has 202 sites citywide, an increase from 148 just a year ago, and the largest EV network in the state. The City's EV sites are located at garages, parking lots, schools, police precincts, and parks. Queens has the most chargers with 76, followed by 58 in Manhattan, 40 in Brooklyn, 16 in the Bronx, 11 in Staten Island, and one located in upstate NY as part of DEP operations. Among the most visible sites are at the East Drive in Central Park and the EV station at City Hall.

NYC currently operates 811 EV plug-in fleet units. Of these, 237 are full on-road vehicles like the GM Volt, Nissan Leaf, Ford Focus EV, Toyota Prius Plug in, and Navistar EV Vans. The City also operates 574 off-road or limited use license EV units including GEM electric carts, electric forklifts, signboards, and solar-electric light towers.

In 2014, DCAS helped procure 40 full use EV units for agencies citywide including Parks, FDNY, DEP, OEM, and DoITT and also 40 chargers. These units have helped the City offset 35% more greenhouse gas through EV vehicles in just the last six months. Thanks to everyone for supporting our early EV efforts and keep it up.

Spotlight: Vincent Stephens, Mechanic Inspector, DCAS

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DCAS Fleet Inspector Vincent Stephens has been on the front lines of supporting fleet customers citywide for 13 years. Vincent is an experienced auto mechanic responsible for quality control and expediting repairs for the 40 client fleets serviced through DCAS. Vincent works with agencies to diagnose vehicle concerns, inspect for quality repairs, and get their units back in service at shops citywide.

Vincent inspects up to 50 vehicles in a typical week. He might start the morning at a Staten Island garage at 7am, and move on to shops in the Bronx, Queens, and Brooklyn by the end of his day's tour. Vincent is responsible for checking on repair needs, pricing, parts, and labor time. He may also assess for warranty or salvage and takes the time to explain repairs to agency vehicle operators.

Vincent has also gone well above the call of duty. During Hurricane Sandy, he worked day and night at the City's emergency fueling operation at Floyd Bennett Field helping DCAS, the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), and the NY State National Guard fuel tens of thousands of critical response units. In August of this year, Vincent designed and gave a class to TLC staff on how to diagnose and do basic pre- and post trip maintenance on hybrid gas-electric vehicles. Vincent is currently assisting as we launch a $2 million CMAQ funded retrofit of trucks with diesel particulate filters and is also helping with our Vision Zero fleet projects.

Vincent graduated from Ohio Technical College and worked as a mechanic in the private sector and as a Senior Automotive Service Worker at FDNY before joining DCAS. He is a volunteer firefighter and Red Cross Emergency Responder in his spare time.