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## CITY SPEED LIMIT FALLS TO 25 ON NOVEMBER 7, 2014

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Reducing speed is one of the most important actions that drivers can take to help prevent injuries and save lives on the road. Data shows that driving at or below 25 miles per hour (mph) improves drivers' ability to avoid crashes. Pedestrians struck by a vehicle traveling at 25 mph are half as likely to die as those struck at 30 mph.

As part of Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero Action Plan, the general New York City speed limit will be reduced from 30 mph to 25 mph as of November 7, 2014. In some areas, slow zones will include even lower posted limits, while major roads and highways will have higher limits. Unless you see a different posted speed limit, the speed limit citywide will be 25 mph.



New York City is undertaking a comprehensive public outreach campaign including newspaper ads, radio messages, and social media to promote and explain the new speed limit. Please help spread the message to family, friends, and colleagues who drive. As City employees, it's our obligation to help lead the way in driving more slowly and safely.

For more information on this law and other aspects of Vision Zero, please visit [nyc.gov/visionzero](http://nyc.gov/visionzero).

## FLEET SPOTLIGHT: CLARENCE BAUGH, NYPD

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Watching a Presidential motorcade travel the streets of New York City can be an exciting and inspiring event. Behind the scenes, dedicated City staff work to ensure that these high level visits are safe and well-organized.

The NYPD sweep team is a key part of this effort and includes intelligence officers, a bomb squad, and an NYPD tow truck that rides ahead to clear the streets of potential obstacles. Clarence Baugh is the traffic enforcement agent and tow truck operator for presidential motorcades in New York City, and has served each president since George H.W. Bush.

Clarence has become highly skilled at moving and towing vehicles quickly and efficiently, recognizing the importance of each job to the entire motorcade. He is as well-known for his exceedingly friendly demeanor and optimism as he is for his operating skill. "He's a guy, you'd almost want to thank him if he towed your car," an NYPD commander told *The Daily Beast* (photo also courtesy of the *Daily Beast*). Clarence is a role model for all City employees, polite and respectful, even when others are rude or belligerent to him.

Until recently, Clarence had never met a president that he served. When President Obama was in town for the recent UN General Assembly, he met with Baugh at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel to thank him for his service to the City and to his country. Congratulations and great job.