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## FLEET SPOTLIGHT: SUSAN MCSHERRY, DOT

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Our Women's History Month celebration continues with a leading advocate for green vehicles and clean air, Susan McSherry of DOT's Alternative Fuel unit. Susan started working with the City in 1981 at General Services, predecessor of DCAS, working in fleet on auto auction and interagency asset transfer. In 1984 she joined DEP in the Bureau of Air, Noise, and Hazardous Materials, and moved to DOT on St. Patrick's Day, 1997.

For 17 years, Susan has dedicated herself to greening fleets in the City. Susan and her colleague Mark Simon have secured millions in grant funding for alternative fuel projects, including over \$40 million from Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds from the US DOT. Susan led efforts with Parks to build two new natural gas fueling sites in Central Park and Flushing Meadows Corona Park, and works with every agency to implement the local laws that govern fleet operations.

Recently, Susan helped lead a public-private partnership to tackle pollution in Hunts Point in the Bronx where thousands of diesel trucks operate daily. Since early 2012, over 300 private sector trucks have been replaced with cleaner burning ones with City assistance, with a goal of over 500 replacements.

How does Susan think NYC is doing? "Our air is cleaner than ever. We've reduced pollution and have achieved savings in money. The real driver of this progress is the agencies and their fleets," she describes. In terms of new technology, Susan says keep an eye on harnessing waste gas, solar powered equipment, improvements in CNG infrastructure, and longer lasting electric vehicle batteries. Susan was raised in and lives in the Bronx and holds a Master's in Urban Planning from Hunter College.

## NYPD SUPPORTS NYC VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

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On Saturday, March 1, 2014, senior staff from NYPD Fleet Services participated as expert judges in the Automotive Skills USA Regional Competition hosted by Thomas Edison Career and Technical Education High School.

NYC vocational students from all technical disciplines came together to test their skills against counterparts from other high schools with technical programs. Automotive students competed in two categories: Basic Maintenance and General Repairs. Students took a written test similar to the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) exam and also competed at various workstations, judged by NYPD staff and industry volunteers. Students were graded on a range of practical knowledge such as tool and part identification, on-board diagnostics, pre-delivery inspection, brakes, and electrical troubleshooting.



Winners walked away with \$2,000 scholarships to Universal Technical Institute (UTI) and the opportunity to compete at the state level in Syracuse in April. The NY State winner will go on to challenge at the Nationals.

NYPD has long supported automotive vocational education and helped pioneer our citywide hands-on internship program which now involves over 50 students serving at NYPD, Parks, DSNY, DCAS and FDNY. Special thanks to the NYPD judges: Executive Director Robert Martinez, Director Gregory Dimesa, Operations Supervisor Michael Gorgia, and District Supervisor Richard Locicero, all graduates of NYC vocational high schools. They are pictured flanking former Automotive High School Instructor Thomas Cassino.