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US NAVY VISITS THE NYC FLEET FEDERATION

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On January 14, 2016 DCAS hosted the first fleet federation meeting of 2016, and the 61st meeting overall. Representatives from 21 agencies participated in this year's kick-off. In addition, Fleet had a special guest, Lieutenant Danny "Hurricane" Kuriluk, a US Navy pilot and the Energy Action Officer from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment.

At the meeting, DCAS reviewed the status of two major citywide fleet initiatives, NYC Clean Fleet and Vision Zero.

There's been a lot of news on the Clean Fleet initiative in just the last couple weeks. DCAS finalized a contract for the Hybrid Toyota Rav- 4 SUV, our first hybrid SUV in three years, and announced a price reduction for the Nissan EV Leaf, already on City contract.

On January 7, there were over 100 participants in the DCAS Q&A session for our clean fleet RFI. Industry-wide, GM and Chrysler also announced new electric vehicle options for sedans and vans.

Fleet was also proud to host Lt. Kuriluk, who visited the Municipal Building from the Pentagon. Lt Kuriluk is leading efforts to improve sustainability and efficiency for over 52,000 vehicle fleet units used by the US Navy and Marine Corps. In a previous meeting, Lt. Kuriluk and DCAS reviewed many of New York's innovations in fleet sustainability including our car and fleet share programs, the clean fleet transition plan, and our local laws and fleet rules governing fleet sustainability and utilization. The fleet federation meeting gave Lt. Kuriluk the opportunity to meet directly with fleet managers from the various fleets and learn more about our fleet management program.

The US Navy is a leading force nationally in many areas of fleet sustainability. The Navy recently announced a program to lease up to 500 battery powered vehicles for use in California, and has extensively utilized biodiesel in its fleet and naval operations.

Lt. Kuriluk has served as a P-3 Instructor Pilot and Mission Commander over the course of three deployments spread across six continents. He recently finished his stint as the Navy's two-year Politico-Military Masters Fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, and has begun work at the Navy's Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment.

"I can speak for my office in expressing our deep gratitude to have the opportunity to meet with the NYC Fleet team. The city has displayed amazing progress in converting its fleet, and that progress has been noticed at the highest levels of the Navy. There are many areas where the Department of the Navy can learn from New York City's pioneering fleet efforts as we begin our fleet transformation, and we are looking forward to learning as much as we can," said Lt. Kuriluk of his visit.

NYC also looks forward to further partnering on our sustainable and efficiency efforts with the Navy as we work together to green fleets in our city and nationwide.

