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FLEET SPOTLIGHT: DSNY'S CENTRAL REPAIR SHOP (CRS)

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Where in NYC government operations can you find a single hallway that is as long as the Empire State Building is tall? Only at the Central Repair Shop at the Department of Sanitation in Maspeth Queens.

DSNY is the largest sanitation department in the world, and operates a wide array of 6,000 light, medium, and heavy duty vehicles and 1,600 off-road units. Of these 2,230 are the collection trucks we've all seen servicing our neighborhoods. These vehicles collect over 10,500 tons of residential and institutional garbage and 1,760 tons of recyclable materials every single day.

During snowstorms, DSNY also serves as the lead response agency tasked with clearing 6,000 miles of streets of snow and ice, for which all available plows, salt spreaders, and front end loaders are called into action. Four hundred fifty (450) street sweepers clear the roads daily of debris and tackle waste removal after major special events including parades and the New Year's Eve ball drop in Times Square.

In support of an operation this large, DSNY's CRS is, appropriately enough, the largest municipal repair facility in the United States since it opened in 1964. At over one million total square feet, the six floors of this mammoth building are quite easy to get lost in. A variety of work is done at CRS including heavy duty body repairs, engine shop repairs, machinist projects, Special Chassis shop repairs, and state inspections for every variety of equipment.

CRS also houses a state of the art chassis dynamometer laboratory, or "dyno lab," one of just a few in the entire United States, where DSNY staff run advanced emissions and performance testing by simulating truck driving conditions. The CRS complex is also home to DSNY Communications, fueling bays, Queens West dispatch, and several networked computer classrooms. Meanwhile, the NYPD CRS repair garage is right next door.

CRS doesn't only serve Sanitation vehicles. Through our citywide fleet consolidation initiative, over 1,000 DEP, Parks, Health and Education vehicles also receive repairs at the City's largest shop.

Thanks to Deputy Commissioner Rocky DiRico and his whole team for welcoming and servicing all agencies at NYC's most unique and complex repair garage operation.