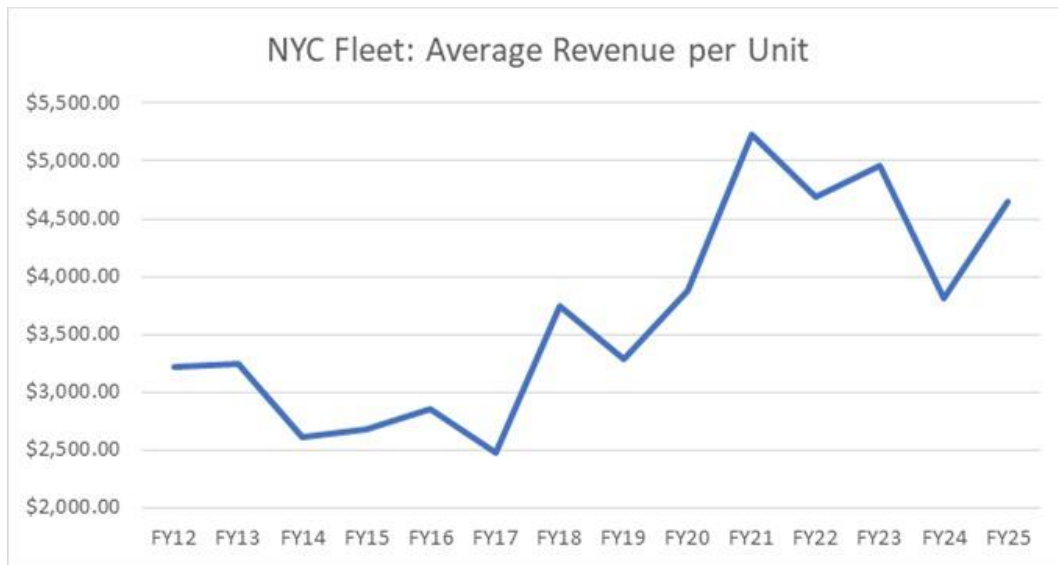

Online Vehicle Auctions With DCAS
By Keith T. Kerman



What happens to city fleet vehicles and equipment when they are put out of active commission? For decades, DCAS would line the vehicles up at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, shown here from 2007, and sell them through in-person auctions at the yard.

In 2012, auctions went modern, moving onto online auction services available to a much broader national and international audience. DCAS now [auctions](#) all vehicles to the general public through online auction services. DCAS is currently using [Gov Deals](#) to conduct these auctions. The auctions are open and free for the general public to participate in. However, active city employees may not participate as outlined in the [Fleet Manual](#).

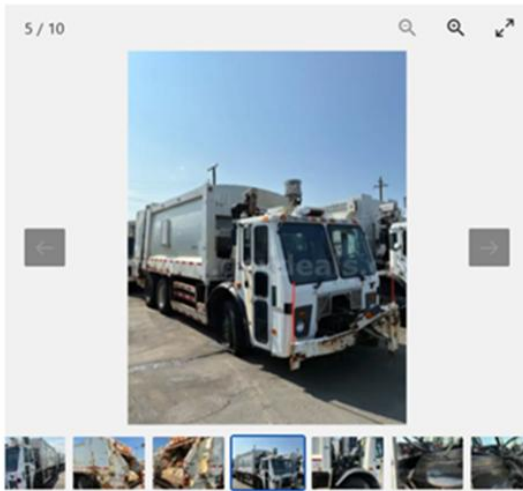
DCAS began online auctions in 2012 and has auctioned over 34,000 fleet units to date for over \$123 million. On average, units currently bring in over \$4,600 in revenue per unit, but this can vary from a few hundred dollars for a stripped-down sedan to \$30,000 or more for a working truck in decent condition. DCAS posts the lists of units for sale each week on our DCAS fleet website.



Sales of used cars are greatly influenced by the status of the economy and the new vehicle car markets. Periods of general economic challenge can often be good news for the used car market, as people look for alternatives to buying new cars, and we certainly saw that after COVID. In general, auction revenues have increased since DCAS went to online auction, but there are hills and valleys. We are on the recent uptick from one of those valleys recently.

While most of our sales are general use vehicles like sedans, SUVs, vans, and trucks, our two most significant sales were more specialized: a helicopter in 2020, which sold for \$268,000, and a snow melter that sold for \$250,000 in 2019.

Once a vehicle is assigned for salvage, agency fleet units work with DCAS to remove components like markings, lights, and sirens, IT or communications equipment, telematics, and other valuables from the vehicles. Once a vehicle is designated for salvage, it is not to be used further on the road by agencies.



New Listing

2014 Mack LEU600

Sales/Lot Type:

Online Auction – Subject To Seller Confirmation

Location:

Staten Island, New York, USA

Subject to an auto-extension of the auction end time.

Sign In to Place Bid

Sign In to Watch

At times, agencies will strip reusable parts or components like doors or tailgates to use on active vehicles. However, this must not be done once a vehicle is listed for sale to the general public.

Agencies and DCAS supply pictures of the units from many angles to help buyers with their decisions. Buyers buy the units “as is.” DCAS will not upgrade or improve a vehicle sold at auction. We do notify the public if the vehicle is in service or not.

Thanks to Assistant Commissioner Brent Taylor, who manages the auction, and Valentino Balzora, Ilya Abramovich, David Albert, and Fran Kenley, the long-time auction team at DCAS.

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Wednesday, October 8th, 2025
Queens Theatre, Flushing Meadows Corona Park

DCAS and Together for Safer Roads invite you to the 2025 Vision Zero Fleet Safety Forum!

The event will bring together leading stakeholders from public and private fleets, innovative safety technology companies, policy experts, and road safety advocates for an exciting day of speeches, panel discussions, and breakout sessions.

Join us as we discuss how to systematically build safety into our roads, vehicles, and fleet operations.

The event is free and includes breakfast and a networking lunch.

RSVPs are required. Please RSVP at <https://visionzero2025.rsvpify.com/>.

Event Schedule:

Networking
breakfast begins:
7:30 a.m.

Program begins:
8:30 a.m.

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