

DCAS Expands Safe Driver Training to Contractors

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For over 20 years, DCAS has offered a full-day safe driving course for city fleet operators. The course began as a voluntary offering and became a mandate through Vision Zero and Mayoral [Executive Order 39](#) of 2024.

Through in-person and online offerings, DCAS has trained over 115,000 civilian staff since 2015. Emergency services operators take a separate Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC). The DCAS course offers insurance benefits and reductions in license points for participants.

Through Executive Order 39, city contractors must also participate in safe driver training if the vendor uses vehicles to provide services under their city contract. For the first time, DCAS will offer a version of its safe driver training directly to these contractors.

DCAS partnered with its contractor, the National Traffic Safety Institute (NTSI), to provide the courses. There are two courses that are being offered, one for general city contractors and one for school bus drivers.

DCAS: Civilian Safe Driver Training Since 2012	
Agency	Trainees
DCAS Clients	31,139
DEP	15,126
DOC	4,680
DOH	4,314
DOT	12,699
DPAR	21,513
DSNY	21,044
FDNY	3,377
NYPD	2,043
Total	115,935

Every course focuses on best practices for fleet operations. Participants learn the 3-second rule for avoiding rear-end crashes and tips for operating in poor weather. DCAS reviews the city and state rules of the road. DCAS also discusses new technologies for safety including telematics, intelligent speed assistance (ISA), side guards, automatic braking, driver alerts, rearview and surround cameras, and more.

Most importantly, the training addresses actual crashes involving city fleet or contractor vehicles with the hope of learning from these tragic events and preventing them in the future.

DCAS has tailored the training to issues that contractors often face. Many trainings for school bus operators are focused on rural and suburban areas. DCAS emphasizes driving risks and safety for urban environments. This training is part of a series of measures DCAS and NYC Public Schools [announced](#) in January 2024 for school bus operations.

Training is just one aspect of safety that Executive Order 39 requires for contractors. For the first time, contractors will be required to submit a fleet safety plan for each contract. Contractors will be required to place surround safety cameras on trucks unless they operate high-vision truck models. Telematics tracking will also be required on contractor fleet vehicles used in city contracts.

The contractor course can be found here: [CONTRACTOR VEHICLE SAFETY COURSE](#)

The school bus operator course can be found here: [SCHOOL BUS OPERATOR SAFETY COURSE](#)

City employees can find resources here: [NYC FLEET OPERATOR SAFETY COURSE](#)

Contractors, school bus companies and bus operators, and city fleet operators can reach out to DCAS at fleetsafety@dcas.nyc.gov for assistance with the courses.

Thanks to the team at NTSI, Nate Koszer and Veronica Rodriguez at DCAS, and to our partners at the Office of Pupil Transportation at NYC Public Schools for their work on this initiative.



This show highlights vendors who support the New York City's Clean Fleet and Vision Zero initiatives, and daily operations. Vendors will offer a wide array of products to improve vehicle safety. The show will also highlight vehicles and equipment with alternative fuels and emissions-reducing technologies, along with the latest in light and heavy-duty vehicles, trucks, horticultural equipment, tools, fleet services, and more!

**Thursday,
May 21, 2026
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

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I hope your Thanksgiving table was full of good food and loved ones. We are all so lucky to serve New York City and our fellow New Yorkers, and I'm grateful for all your hard work every day. Despite the shorter week, our team still got a few more things done for working-class families before Thanksgiving:

- We announced [two new project labor agreements covering over \\$7 billion in projects](#) to help us build critical infrastructure and deliver good-paying, union jobs to New Yorkers.

- Queens Borough Hall will get a [new "Queens Holocaust Memorial"](#) dedicated to the 6 million innocent Jewish lives murdered during the Holocaust. It will be the first major memorial of its kind in the borough and be a place for remembrance and community events to bring us together against antisemitism and all other forms of hatred.
- Ahead of this year's holiday season, the Economic Development Corporation released [data on the 2024 holiday season](#) that showed increased foot traffic, tourism, and spending at shopping districts around the city. All this spending goes right back into the pockets of working-class New Yorkers!

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