

DCAS and Together for Safer Roads Present 2026 Lenin Fierro Fleet Safety Award

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On September 10, DCAS and Together for Safer Roads (TSR) gave the award for this year's Lenin Fierro Vision Zero Fleet Advocacy Award. Begun in 2021, this [award](#) honors the memory and legacy of Lenin Fierro, the DCAS Vision Zero Safety Director who was the first city employee to lose their life to COVID-19. The presentation was made by DCAS Commissioner Yume Kitasei, TSR President Peter Goldwasser, and NYC Chief Fleet Officer Keith Kerman.

Lenin Fierro was a ten-year veteran of the US Navy and a dedicated husband and [father](#) of two daughters. He was also passionate about fleet safety and Vision

Zero, training thousands of city employees himself in defensive driving and leading many of our early Safe Fleet Transition initiatives. This work continues as discussed in Mayor Mamdani's Vision Zero Reimagined Plan [announced](#) on September 15.

This year's award went to Morgan Lovett, Safety and Compliance Manager for Liberty Disposal, a waste management company in North Carolina. Like Lenin, [Morgan](#) is a hands-on safety manager, teaching and coaching drivers directly, using data to inform safety practices, and developing her own education videos. Morgan and her mother travelled to New York City for the presentation, their first time in the city.



The event also recognized David Harkey with a Global Vision Zero Leadership Award. David is the president of the [Insurance Institute for Highway Safety](#) and has dedicated his career to advancing transportation safety through research, evidence-based policy, and practical solutions.

This year's event marked the tenth year that DCAS has worked with Together for Safer Roads to advance safety. Both organizations have advocated for improvements to [direct vision](#) for trucks, partnered on designing safer [trucks of the future](#), and worked together to help commercial and public fleets improve safety practices.

The organizations will again co-host this year's Fleet Safety Forum scheduled for [October 22](#) at Queens Theatre.

Previous winners of the Lenin Fierro Award are:

[2021](#): Nigel Reid, Fleet Manager for City Harvest

[2022](#): Mahanth Joishy, Madison Wisconsin Fleet Superintendent

[2023](#): Greg Spotts, Director of Seattle DOT

[2024](#): Jim Olson, Vice President of Safety at Republic Services,

[2025](#): Bryan Fenster, Project Manager of Connected Fleets at McNeilus Truck

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Thursday, October 22nd, 2026

Queens Theatre, Flushing Meadows Corona Park

DCAS and Together for Safer Roads invite you to the 2026 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.



Event Schedule:

Networking
breakfast begins:

7:30 a.m.

Program begins:

8:30 a.m.

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