
Together for Safer Roads and DCAS Hosts 2022 Vision Zero Fleet Safety Forum

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On May 17, the US Department of Transportation (US DOT) [announced disturbing news](#): traffic fatalities were up 10.5% in 2021 from 2020, with 42,915 people losing their lives on America's roadways. This was the largest one year increase in DOT's tracking. Fatalities on urban roads were a particular concern, up 16%. Pedestrian fatalities and fatalities involving trucks were up 13%.

DOT's announcement underscored the importance of the [annual Vision Zero Fleet Safety Forum](#), hosted by Together for Safer Roads (TSR) and NYC DCAS.

DCAS presented in two panels. We joined Alex Epstein of US DOT Volpe to [discuss the importance of high vision trucks for urban safety](#). Conventional trucks, where the engine is in front of the driver, prevent the driver from seeing in front of the truck for 20 feet or more. High vision trucks eliminate these visual impairments. US DOT Volpe presented on studies showing dramatic differences in safety between conventional and high vision trucks. [DCAS announced in 2018](#), that NYC would invest in high vision options wherever available in the marketplace. Like truck side-guards, high vision trucks are common-sense design changes that can make trucks safer without taxing drivers.

DCAS also joined Superintendent of Fleet for Madison Wisconsin and former NYC Fleet leader Mahanth Joishy to [discuss efforts to encourage drivers to commit to safe practices and embrace new technologies](#).

Themes of the conference included:

- The need to address visual impairment in trucks through high vision and surround cameras.
- The use of technology and telematics to address distracted driving and speeding.
- The opportunity for safe and sustainable vehicle designs to work in tandem.
- The importance of partnering with drivers to prove and introduce new technologies.
- The opportunity to partner with US DOT on safety through their recently announced *Safe Streets and Roads for All* grants.

We want to thank Noah Budnick of TSR, Eric Richardson of DCAS, and Alex Johnston of Cities Reimagined for their work in organizing the conference.

We ask all our fleet agencies and fleet operators to rededicate themselves to safe, cautious, and responsible driving, every hour, every mile.

Upcoming Civil Service Exams

The application period for the [auto mechanic civil service title](#) is now June 8, 2022 to June 28, 2022.

For more information on upcoming civil service exams, view the [annual civil service exam schedule](#).

33rd Annual Equipment and Vehicle Show

[The 33rd Annual Equipment and Vehicle show](#) will highlight vendors who support NYC's Clean Fleet and Vision Zero initiatives, as well as daily operations.

This event is free to all exhibitors and attendees. RSVP forms will be available soon on [DCAS's fleet news page](#).



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NYC Fleet Manual

The NYC Fleet Manual and Drivers Handbook has been updated. Please see the updated version at [NYC Fleet Manual and Drivers Handbook](#).

Fleet Vision International Quarter 1



The Fleet Vision International magazine for the first quarter of 2022 is out now. This edition features an article written by DCAS Deputy Commissioner and NYC Chief Fleet Officer Keith Kerman on the efforts that NYPD and other NYC law enforcement agencies are taking to go all-electric and hybrid.

[Fleet Vision International Q1 2022](#)

COVID-19 Safety Reminder

For all fleet drivers, when interacting with others in close quarters such as within a vehicle, it is strongly recommended to wear a mask.

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