

NYC FLEET NEWSLETTER

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FLEET SPOTLIGHT: FRAN KENLEY OF DCAS

This week's newsletter features two fleet spotlights.

The Auto Auction unit at DCAS coordinates the online sale of used and salvaged City vehicles. In FY16, a record \$10 million in revenue was brought in by the sale of these relinquished assets. Francine Kenley is an Auction Coordinator at NYC Fleet and has been with DCAS since 1995. Fran worked for City Surplus at the David Dinkins Municipal Building and the DCAS storehouse before joining NYC Fleet in 2012.

Fran is the primary auction point of contact between City agencies, NY State DMV, and the general public. She helps buyers from across the nation navigate the online auction process and regulations, including registration of vehicles after their winning bids. DCAS conducted 3,426 online auctions in FY16, over 1,000 more than in FY15, and also the highest ever.

Hurricane Sandy destroyed over 600 City owned vehicles. In the aftermath of Sandy, Fran ensured that all regulatory guidelines involving the disposal of salt water damaged vehicles were followed and helped respond to OMB and FEMA requests for information.

This week Fran was recognized for her outstanding service to both internal and external customers with a DCAS Customer Service Award at a breakfast ceremony hosted by Commissioner Lisette Camilo and senior staff. "I love it. It's always been a challenge to get this work done on time, and I thrive on that," says Fran. Fran is an "avid music lover who listens to anything and everything" in her spare time. She is very proud of her daughter and grand-son who live in Maryland. Congratulations and thanks to Fran for many years of reliable work and good cheer.

FLEET SPOTLIGHT: LOUIS DELVALLE OF PARKS

Fleet operations involve staff with a wide variety of skill sets including mechanical, electrical, IT, parts research, specifications writing, and tow truck operation. This week we are spotlighting a highly qualified tow truck operator at Parks, Louis "Louie" Delvalle. Louie is an Associate Park Service Worker (APSW) for Manhattan Garage. He tows Parks vehicles that are inoperable for mechanical, collision, or salvage issues, and need to be transported to or from a repair garage or vendor.

Louie joined Parks in 1987 as a seasonal pool worker

and became a full-time City Park Worker (CPW) in 1988 at Marcus Garvey Park, where he worked on park maintenance including cleaning, grass cutting, weeding, planting, structural repairs, driving vehicles, and operating horticultural equipment. Louie spent summers working at the Thomas Jefferson Park pool. He also became a trainer with a "fix-it crew," one of the mobile crews that Parks uses to perform repairs and cleanups of Parks properties over a wide area.

Louie earned his CDL and became proficient in operating a variety of heavy duty equipment. His expertise also translated into teaching, as he conducted on-road driver training for vehicle types including tractor trailers, dump trucks, roll-off container trucks, and front end loaders. After Sandy, he operated beach equipment to shore up sand berms. Louie now mostly operates tow trucks, as one of Parks most capable operators who can address any type of towing challenge.

Louie was born and raised in Spanish Harlem, and has mostly worked near that community. He also spent 6 years in the Army Reserve, including drilling Kuwaiti soldiers to prepare for Desert Storm in 1991. Louie likes to fix and ride motorcycles in his spare time. Thanks to Louie and all of the tow truck operators who help keep the fleet rolling.







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