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As we approach this Thanksgiving Day, we want to take a moment to reflect and thank the nearly 2,000 public servants who work in fleet and dispatch across over fifty City agencies.

Effective fleet operations are an essential foundation for the responsive and reliable public services that New Yorkers depend on and expect. Policing, fire response, waste pickup, snow removal, park operations, water supply, street upkeep, correctional services, construction, special events, inspection, and more lean on fleet services to do their jobs.

Fleet servicing is a complicated, physically difficult, and technically challenging trade. NYC's mechanics, electricians, service workers, and tow operators take on hundreds of different types, makes, and models of equipment and keep them running, too often recognized only when something isn't working well as opposed to most times when it is.

Fleet's managers, supervisors, procurement specialists, inspectors, and administrative staff effectively manage the complex operations and business of fleet, a service the City spends more than three quarters of a billion dollars on annually.

Along with daily services, fleet has an important role to play in the City's fiscal, safety, emergency, and environmental agenda. In just the last year, we've set new standards for service performance, acquisitions, and revenue achievement, while doing nationally recognized work in sustainability, safety, and preparedness.

One of the primary goals of NYC Fleet has been to raise the profile and increase recognition of the role fleet plays in City government and the skill and talent of the professionals who work in fleet operations. We will continue to do that.

Thanks and a Happy Thanksgiving to all!

FLEET COMPLETES FUEL TRUCK TRAINING FOR OPERATORS

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On October 28, NYC Fleet coordinated a fuel tanker training session at the DCAS Navy Yard facility with 20 operators from FDNY, DSNY, and DCAS. A second session was offered at Parks 5 Boro Garage where 7 Parks staff received the same training.

This class covered the safe operations of gasoline and diesel fuel tanker trucks including fueling other vehicles and dispensing to underground storage tanks (USTs). Fuel tankers are crucial to keeping the fleet mobile during citywide emergencies that might include a regional or national fuel shortage and were acquired as part of the city's post-Sandy resiliency program.

New York City now owns and operates 62 total fuel trucks after completing the recent purchase of 35 new units. For the first time, this fleet also include gasoline trucks. This training effort is a critical step in ensuring we are ready to use this new fleet if an emergency occurs. In the near future, agencies will also organize dry runs in order to test the equipment and prepare facilities and staff for action.



The new fuel trucks were manufactured by Amthor International and the training sessions were conducted by Gary Kurman of Amthor and organized by Harris Kaplan of DCAS. Amthor International is based in Gretna, Virginia and Gardiner, New York, and is one of the country's largest manufacturers of tanker trucks. Diesel tankers hold about 4,400 gallons of fuel, and gasoline tankers hold 3,000.