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VISION ZERO YEAR 3 REPORT

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On February 23, the Mayor's Office released the Vision Zero Year 3 Report. This report outlines the various initiatives and achievements in the first three years of Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero initiative, while also committing to a series of new investments and initiatives to maintain and accelerate progress. The report is posted at the Mayor's Office of Operations Vision Zero site as well as at our NYC Fleet site at DCAS.

In year 4 and beyond, Fleet will look to build on our current efforts. In 2017, we will begin our second round of training for City authorized drivers. We will begin scheduling operators for a second day of training with an updated curriculum, including our new hands free phone ban, and making use of new metrics developed through Vision Zero. This month, DCAS also registered a long term contract with NTSI to certify and support our safe driver training efforts.

NYC Fleet has already deployed more truck side-guards, 680, than any other organization in North America. In the next year, we expect to double that with our first 600 new trucks coming in with the guards designed by the manufacturer. DCAS has now qualified side-guards from 4 companies for use with City trucks.

DCAS continues its partnership with US DOT Volpe and looks forward to completing a first Safe Fleet Transition Plan (SFTP) to help guide safety in specifications starting in FY18.

Finally, CRASH reporting continues. In 2014, there were 8 fatalities involving City fleet units in non-emergency response traffic events. There have been 3 since in 2015 and 2016 combined. We have also seen declines in total reported injuries from 725 in 2014 to 669 in 2016.

Thanks for all your help and focus on safety and please keep it going.



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FLEET SPOTLIGHT: RUEL STEWART OF FDNY

The Firefighters and EMTs of FDNY are called upon to respond to serious threats every day. Minutes and seconds can make the difference in saving a life, limb or building. The FDNY fleet of over 2,000 vehicles includes some of the most complex units owned by the City such as "pumper" trucks that help hose out fires and the ambulances used to treat and transport patients. When there's a job there's always a rush. FDNY Fleet Services operates 24/7 to ensure that the vehicles are in the best possible condition for responders. Ruel "Stewie" Stewart is a Laborer for the pumper section at the FDNY Queens 34th Street garage and exemplifies the best of Fleet Services.

Stewie started his FDNY career as an Auto Service Worker in March 2006 and joined the Laborer title in 2007. He takes care of the garage building including shop floor organization and operating forklifts and cranes as needed for maintenance work. Stewie has a commercial drivers license (CDL B) and can move or park light, medium, and heavy duty vehicles around the shop or between FDNY facilities to assist operations or servicing.

Prior to FDNY, Stewie gained fleet experience by working on busses for a bus

company on Long Island. He immigrated to the United States from Jamaica in 1999, bought the first house he lived in, and has remained in Brooklyn ever since. Stewie lives with his wife of 30 years and during his time off enjoys "getting together with the guys, having a cookout, and playing dominos." Stewie is a valued member of the fleet team and was nominated for this spotlight by Assistant Commissioner Mark Aronberg, Deputy Director Victor Holdorf, and Supervisor Louie Morbelli. We are proud to include Stewie in our 2017 Black History Month spotlights.

