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FEWEST TRAFFIC FATALITIES FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS 2017

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On July 7, 2017 Mayor de Blasio announced that the first six months of 2017 marked the lowest yet number of traffic related fatalities on City streets. Through June 30, there were 93 total fatalities, the first such period to come in at under 100. For FY17, there were 210 fatalities, 31 fewer than in FY16. Vision Zero is now in its fourth year in NYC and continues to achieve critical progress in safety with the promise of continued gains.

Vision Zero is a collaboration across multiple agencies, the private and non-profit sectors, and the general public. DOT has led historic improvements to street design and traffic policy, including the lowering of the speed limit to 25 MPH and the expanded use of speed cameras. NYPD has implemented targeted and effective enforcement efforts aimed at reducing dangerous driving behavior.

As the largest single fleet that operates in the five boroughs, the City's fleet and authorized drivers also have a critical role to play. In 2014, as Vision Zero was just starting, there were 8 fatalities involving non-emergency City vehicles. Four of these events involved left or right turns, one involved backing up, and one involved operation within an enclosed space. The remaining two events solely involved the actions of private vehicle operators.

In the two and a half years since, there have been two traffic fatalities involving non-emergency City vehicles and neither involved standard traffic situations that a driver could expect to confront, including an apparent joy riding attempt. City fleet operators are improving safety and have contributed to the overall reduction in fatalities.

And these efforts continue. With the new fiscal year, Fleet begins implementation of our Safe Fleet Transition Plan for improving safety in our vehicle specifications. In addition, we have begun a second day of training for City fleet operators as part of Vision Zero. This second day will emphasize many of the lessons learned and policy changes from our three years of Vision Zero efforts and improved tracking of collisions and driving behavior.

Thanks to all our agency partners for your continued efforts to prioritize safety.

4TH ANNUAL VISION ZERO FLEET SAFETY FORUM: SAVE THE DATE

DCAS Fourth Annual Vision Zero Fleet Safety Forum

Tuesday, November 14

8:30am to 2pm

Queens Theatre

Flushing Meadows Corona Park

We will email more as we get closer to the event.

For more information, please email NYCFleet@dcas.nyc.gov or call (212) 360-8239.

