

NYC Electricians Partner with Fleet on Charging

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Vehicles are changing. Advances in electrification and information technology are playing major and expanding new roles in the design and operation of fleet units. Nowhere is this truer than with the NYC Fleet, which is leading the nation with its electric vehicle initiative and through upgrades of fleet telematics.

These changes introduce new partners and roles into fleet operations. As we continue to expand our electric charging infrastructure, the City's electricians at the major fleet operating agencies have now joined the forefront in providing power and fuel to City fleet units.

On August 7, this growing relationship was on display as DCAS and DSNY hosted a training session for City electricians on the latest in charging infrastructure. The training was administered by ABM, the DCAS vendor for charging infrastructure, and reviewed installation and activation of the CPF25 series and CT400 series Charge Point chargers on the DCAS contract.

The training was attended by City electricians and staff from multiple agencies, including DCAS, DEP, DOC, DOE, DOHMH, DSNY, FDNY, and NYPD. The training reviewed safe and proper assembly and connection of the chargers, maintenance, and also features of the newest chargers. As our charging program develops, DCAS Fleet Management is adding multiple connection ports to each charging unit, where we traditionally had only one, and is introducing smart charging capacities which will enable us to control when charging happens and to minimize the impact on the electric grid.

The City of New York already operates 520 charging units, with a large expansion planned in the next two years. We will also be looking at new types of charging technology and will have more to say about that in upcoming newsletters.

Critical to this change will be the expanded role and coordination with our City's electricians. We want to take this opportunity to thank them for embracing and supporting this effort and welcome them to the future of fleet.

We also want to wish everyone a great end of summer and Labor Day holiday week!



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