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DCAS and Truck Association of New York Partner on Safe Fleet Education

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In Fleet Newsletter [461](#) from June, we discussed safety advancements for the City's fleet through [Mayoral Executive Order 39](#) of 2024. This order also creates the first-ever fleet safety plan for city contractor fleets. Executive Order 39 works in tandem with Local Law 108 of 2021, which requires side guards on city fleet vehicles, commercial waste, and city contractor fleets.

Mayor Adams Executive Order 39 is one of the boldest fleet safety plans for public and commercial vehicles in the United States. Whether in-house or contracted, fleet operations funded by the City must now implement an extensive safe fleet training and technology program.

On July 18, DCAS and the Truck Association of New York ([TANY](#)) joined forces for a pioneering educational webinar on the safety benefits and requirements of Executive Order 39 and Local Law 108. The presentation is available [here](#). DCAS will also post the video of the training on the fleet website, a testament to our collective commitment to safety.

Zach Miller is the Director of Metro Region Operations for the Trucking Association of New York and discussed the training initiative: "State trucking associations such as TANY are first and foremost safety organizations. Due to the training, education, and programming we offer, our members operate safer than the industry. By managing the largest municipal fleet in the world and utilizing the



contracting power of New York City, it has been a leader in establishing best practices and procedures that make their way to the private sector for decades. Interestingly enough, Executive Order 39 was announced around the same time we finalized a partnership with Together for Safer Roads to offer the FOCUS on Fleet Safety Program to our members, further illustrating that the public and private sectors are fully aligned when it comes to our commitments to eliminating fatalities and serious crashes. We are proud to have hosted DCAS in presenting Local Law 108 and Executive Order 39 to New York's trucking industry."

DCAS kicked off the seminar by showing the new [Leading by Example](#), Ten Years of Vision Zero video prepared by NYC DOT about City fleet safety efforts. The video outlines DCAS innovations in fleet safety, including truck-side guards, intelligent speed assistance, crash tracking, and telematics.

[Local Law 108](#) of 2021 expands the DCAS side-guards initiative from the City fleet and commercial waste trucks to all trucks used regularly as part of City contracts. The side-guard requirements went into effect for new contracts starting January 1, 2023. However, many contracts have not been rebid since that point, so DCAS continues to educate vendors about the life-saving benefits of side-guards.

Building on Local Law 108 and the side-guards initiative, Executive Order 39 takes significant steps to require a comprehensive safety plan for all contractors. Technology requirements include telematics, surround cameras, and/or high-vision trucks. Contractors must also provide operators with safe driver training, enroll operators in the NY State License Event Notification system (LENS), and submit formal fleet safety plans. As with Local Law 108, these safety requirements will only impact new contracts, allowing contractors time to prepare and adjust bid prices for the new requirements. The order went into effect July 1, 2024.

Executive Order 39 will require extended focus to implement, and DCAS will provide regular training and orientation sessions for over 1,000 potentially impacted contractors. The initiative promises significant long-term improvements to commercial fleet operations in all parts of NYC. DCAS Fleets look forward to implementing the order with all City agencies.

DCAS will discuss Executive Order 39 more at our 9th Annual Vision Zero Fleet Safety Forum on October 30 at the Queens Theater in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. Stay tuned for more on this upcoming event in future newsletters.

10 Years of Vision Zero: Part 5 - Leading by Example



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Despite everything that happened last week, New Yorkers' safety was top of mind for our administration:

- Every agency woke up on Friday to the [CrowdStrike global IT outage](#), and because of our preparation, no part of our emergency response system was impacted.
- I joined the sheriff at two of our largest illegal cannabis busts so far as part of "[Operation Padlock to Protect](#)," where we seized over \$1 million worth of illegal product at one bust and what may end up being as much as [\\$10 million at another](#). Thanks to our dedicated task force, before this weekend, we had already sealed more than 640 illegal shops, confiscated more than \$20 million in illegal products, and imposed more than \$51 million in fines to those breaking our laws.
- We also announced that [transit crime is down this year](#) and even down by double digits year to date compared to before the pandemic, all thanks to us surging NYPD officers into the system and investing in new technology.

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