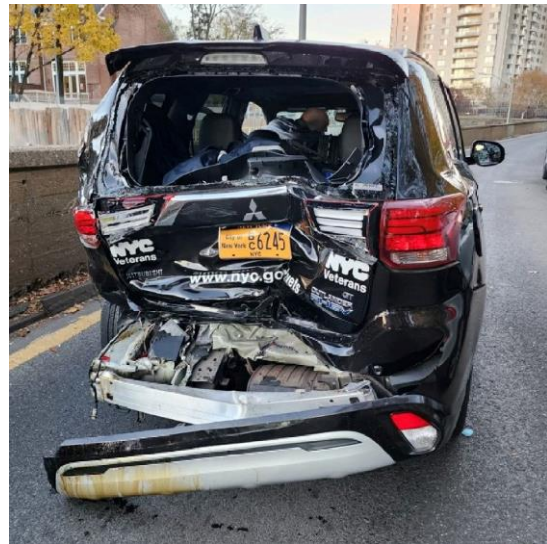


## ***Protect the City's Interest When Private Vehicles Damage City Vehicles***

By Keith T. Kerman



DCAS works hard to reduce crashes caused by City employees. Additional training, live telematics tracking, and new technologies are the core of our Vision Zero Safe Fleet Transition Plan.

What happens when City vehicles are hit by private vehicles, with no fault of the City or the ability of our operators to prevent the collision? Rear ends, especially, are almost always the fault of the vehicle in behind.

DCAS has managed the City's affirmative claims process for City vehicles for decades. DCAS handles claims for most City agencies, with NYPD administering a separate process in partnership with the City Comptroller.



For every crash that occurs, DCAS claims staff review the claim to see if the private vehicle was at fault and whether sufficient evidence exists to pursue a claim against the private driver and their insurance company. DCAS will gather evidence, including reports, pictures, and videos, from the agencies and obtain repair estimates or appraisals.

In FY24, DCAS brought in a record amount of claims, over \$1.1 million, led by the expansion of our role in FDNY and DEP claims. DCAS also obtained restitution for destroying City vehicles in the tragic parking garage collapse on Ann Street in Manhattan in April 2023.

DCAS needs the help of all our fleet operators to maintain this pace and ensure the City fully recovers the damages owed to it.

## Steps to follow when a NYC Fleet Vehicle is involved in a Collision.

1. Do not leave the scene of the crash.
2. Move the vehicle off the road for your safety and to avoid blocking traffic.
3. Check if any involved party is injured. If so, call 911 for immediate medical assistance.
4. Call the police. Wait for the police to have a police report created.
5. Exchange and gather as much information as possible with the other party.
6. Take clear pictures and video of the collision site and damages to all vehicles. Even minor damage must be documented.
7. Notify your Agency Transportation Coordinator (ATC) and your supervisor of the event immediately.
8. Fill out your agency collision report and NYS MV-104. Drivers are responsible to mail the MV-104 to NYS DMV.

### If you are in any crash, take the following steps:

- **Take names:** Get the driver's name, license info, and private driver's insurance.
- **Get pictures:** Take many pictures of the vehicle damage for all cars involved and the general location where the crash happened. The more pictures, the better, from as many angles as possible. Take a video as well. Even minor damage can cost a lot to repair.
- **Write It Down:** Complete an accurate agency crash report and describe what occurred. In cases where the NYPD responds to the scene, follow up, and get a copy of the police report.
- **Get It Across:** Your agency transportation coordinator (ATC) will load all these documents on the DCAS CRASH system as part of NYC Fleet Focus. DCAS needs these crash reports to assess and pursue claims for the City.

Thanks to our DCAS Claims team, Veronica Rodriguez, Kayla Rodriguez, Jason Li, and Ryan Ramnarine, for a successful year of claims management and record revenue.

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# VISION ZERO Building a Safer City



**Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Queens Theatre, Flushing Meadows Corona Park**

DCAS and Together for Safer Roads invite you to the 2024 Vision Zero Fleet Safety Forum!

The event will bring together leading stakeholders from public and private fleets, innovative safety technology companies, policy experts, and road safety advocates for an exciting day of speeches, panel discussions, and breakout sessions.

Join us as we discuss how to systematically build safety into our roads, vehicles, and fleet operations.

The event is free and includes breakfast and a networking lunch.

## Event Schedule:

Networking  
breakfast begins:

**7:30 a.m.**

Program begins:

**8:30 a.m.**

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- The Department of Transportation and the FDNY partnered together to improve lithium-ion battery safety with a [trade-in program, new public charging rules, and an ad campaign](#).
- NYC Public Schools and the MTA announced that, starting this upcoming school year, [student riders will be given OMNY cards instead of Metrocards](#) — with an additional ride every day and access to use without restricted hours.
- We launched a new kind of school — [the Rat Academy](#)! Getting rid of rats is a citywide effort, and we're enlisting New Yorkers, too!

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