

VISION ZERO **Building a Safer City**

Under Mayor Adams, New York City is advancing Vision Zero, a comprehensive plan to reduce traffic related fatalities and injuries for pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and children in the City of New York. Through the NYC Streets Plan, NYC is increasing investments in bike lanes and safer roadway design, has expanded automated enforcement of speed limits through speed cameras, and is promoting the use of micro mobility and public transportation.

Driving safely and improving the design of fleet vehicles is a key part of Vision Zero. With over 23,000 vehicles on the road, NYC agencies and fleet operators must set the example for safe and cautious driving and avoid crashes and injuries.

City fleet drivers are reminded of the following:

- The general speed limit in NYC is 25 MPH unless a separate speed limit is posted. Speeding accounts for more than 30% of all road deaths in the State of New York. Even a small reduction in speed has a major difference between life and death for a pedestrian involved in a collision.
- All city owned and rented vehicles have real-time telematics tracking installed. These systems help to monitor vehicle speed and location, idling, seat belt use, harsh driving, utilization, and maintenance codes. Telematics units do not affect the operation of your vehicle and do not require any driver action. These units help us to understand driving behaviors and improve safety. If you have a question on the tracking, please notify your agency transportation coordinator (ATC). Fleet rules prohibit removal or tampering with these tracking units.
- As part of Vision Zero Safe Fleet Transition Plan (SFTP), DCAS is adding technology to fleet vehicles to improve safety. Enhancements include automatic braking, back up cameras and sensors, surround cameras for trucks, heated mirrors, truck side-guards, and intelligent speed assist.
- The City, led by DCAS, offers the New York State Defensive Driving program for all authorized operators. This class can be taken online or in person. This full day class focuses on tips and best practices for safe vehicle operation. During the class, we also review Vision Zero. The course certificate lasts for three years and can provide insurance benefits and reduction of license points. Please reach out to your ATC to sign up or email nycfleet@dcas.nyc.gov for more information.
- The New York City Fleet Management Manual and City Vehicle Driver's Handbook can be found at <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dcas/agencies/fleet-training.page>.

Thank you. Please drive safely, cautiously, and with your focus on the road at all times!