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New York City Commercial Waste Zones Safety Task Force

Meeting 9 – August 5, 2025, 10:00 AM

Meeting Minutes

Task Force Members Present

David Biderman, President, Biderman Consulting LLC
Elizabeth Crotty, Commissioner, Business Integrity Commission (BIC)
William Harris, Director, Audit & Compliance, Bureau of Commercial Waste, DSNY
Steven Hoffner, Deputy Chief, Safety and Training, DSNY
Julia Kite-Laidlaw, Senior Program Manager, Road to Zero Coalition
Frank Marshall, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Commercial Waste, DSNY
Daniel Wright, President, Teamsters Local 813

Additional Agency Staff Present

Anissa Badea, Agency Counsel, DSNY
Alison Bonfoey, Chief of Staff, Business Integrity Commission (BIC)
Monica Hanley, Senior Advisor, Bureau of Commercial Waste, DSNY
Nicole Mathias, Director of Policy, Business Integrity Commission (BIC)
Gentiana Maxim, Director of PMO and Business Engagement, DSNY

Below are the minutes for the 9th meeting of the Commercial Waste Zones Safety Task Force. Created as part of Local Law 199, the Task Force meets at least quarterly and regularly discusses recommendations for the effective implementation of safety measures relating to commercial waste collection. The minutes include items specific to the Safety Task Force’s agenda and focus and are not comprehensive to the overall efforts of the Commercial Waste Zone Program.

I. Key Topics & Agenda

- Objectives of the Task Force: The Task Force was reminded of its key objections per Local Law 199 in 9 different safety aspects.
- Enforcement Strategy: AC Marshall reviewed high-level enforcement numbers for Queens Central and Citywide. In Queens Central, the Department has issued 241 summonses since September 30, 2024. The Task Force also discussed trends in the violations - the most frequent violation is “spillage from motor vehicles.”
- Truck Surround Cameras: The Task Force continued discussion around Truck Surround Cameras / 360 Cameras for commercial carter vehicles. The Task Force was reminded that although the EO39 does not necessarily apply to carters, with the help of the Task Force, DSNY already aligned many aspects of EO39 into the Commercial Waste Zone Program. DCAS was able to provide valuable information and data to DSNY around the retrofitting process for city vehicles. The data sources were shared with the Task Force for continued consideration.



- Strategic Updates: AC Marshall reviewed the upcoming phase for the CWZ Program, which includes two zones – Bronx East and Bronx West.
 - i. Bronx East and Bronx West: These two zones, which will begin implementation on October 1, 2025, have one of the highest customer concentrations among all 20 zones. In addition, most awardees in the Bronx are already participating in the CWZ Program in Queens Central. This lends to carter readiness and simplicity of messaging as DSNY launches the entire borough in this phase.
 - ii. Outreach Strategy: DSNY outreach planning is underway and includes direct outreach to large entities, public and targeted info-sessions, and multi-channel and multi-lingual outreach through phone calls, in-person visits and flyers.
 - iii. Readiness: DSNY is also ensuring all carters are trained and ready to begin operations and comply with all regulations under the Program.
- Legal Updates: DSNY published a proposed rule on Friday, August 1, 2025. The rule proposes amendments to implement various lessons from Queens Central. The rule also sets the implementation start date for the next two set of two zones, Queens Northeast and Brooklyn South, on January 1, 2026. The public hearing for the rule will be on September 2, 2025.
- CWZ Data Subcommittee: Director Mathias, BIC, reviewed the progress of the CWZ Data Subcommittee, which continues to meet monthly. The subcommittee has reviewed CWZ combined fleet data for (1) BIC Safety Violations (2) Crashes (3) Automated camera enforcement (includes red light and speed camera tickets). The subcommittee will continue to meet, analyze data sources and discuss findings and recommendations at future Safety Task Force Meetings.
- CWZ Worker Safety Training Standardization Subcommittee: The subcommittee will meet to continue work on the development of Worker Safety Training Standardization materials.
- Next Steps and Action Items: Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for November 4th and members of the Task Force, including the two subcommittees, will follow-up with several relevant items in the interim.