

NYC FLEET NEWSLETTER



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NYC FLEET CLASSIC CARS

NYC Fleet vehicles have been a visible and important part of City life for nearly a century. Almost all of our fleet vehicles go to sale at public auction after their newer, more modern replacements arrive.

A small number of classic units have stayed in the fleet, maintaining our connection to NYC's rich fleet history. These include three FDNY and six NYPD units. These vehicles are used for ceremonies, parades, and other special events.

FDNY has a 1923 Model T and a 1959 Mack B-Model Searchlight which were both originally FDNY active units. The Model T was used as a Chief's car, and the Searchlight had mounted lights and assisted in rescue operations. Searchlight units were replaced by Tactical Support Units, which have light towers and additional rescue equipment. These two vehicles were previous-

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ly displayed at the New York City Fire Museum in Manhattan and are often displayed during Fire Prevention Week in October.

FDNY also has a 1951 Mack pumper acquired and used by the Fire Family Transport Foundation, a non-profit volunteer group. The Fire Foundation provides transportation services for injured FDNY employees and their families, and also supports families in times of bereavement. The pumper is numbered 343 in remembrance of the firefighters who died on September 11.

NYPD has six classic vehicles, including a 1972 NYPD Plymouth Fury I maintained with its original green and black color scheme. NYPD also maintains a 1989 Plymouth Gran Fury used by the former NYC Housing Police Department and a 1990

Chevy Caprice used by the former NYC Transit Police Department. A 1996 Chevy Caprice is maintained with its original blue and white color scheme.

The classic NYPD fleet also includes a 2002 Ford Crown Victoria, as Ford discontinued the vehicle in 2011. The 1972 Plymouth and the 1996 Chevy were displayed at the recent Fleet Show in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. All were originally NYPD active units. These vehicles are displayed at NYPD ceremonies, at events sponsored by the NYC Police Museum, and at the NY International Auto Show.

We appreciate the work done by FDNY and NYPD Fleet Services to maintain and display these special vehicles. Pictures of these vehicles and others will be posted on the Fleet website. Later in the summer, we will highlight more classic units still in the fleet including at DCAS.

