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FLEET COMPLETES FY14 ACQUISITIONS COMMITMENT

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DCAS has completed the FY14 acquisitions commitment plan for fleet and equipment citywide. In total, the City purchased 2,602 fleet units and spent \$270 million. Of this, \$200 million was in capital funds and \$70 million in expense.

The FY14 plan constituted a major investment in the City's fleet and the second largest commitment of funds in the last 8 years. Only FY13 was larger and this was due to the replacement of nearly 600 vehicles damaged in Hurricane Sandy. In the last 8 years, the average citywide equipment investment has been \$230 million.

Highlights of the FY14 plan include 189 ambulances for FDNY, 84 Sanitation garbage trucks, 481 patrol units for NYPD, 32 catch basin trucks for DEP, 6 forestry bucket trucks and 4 log loaders for Parks, and 185 light towers and 35 fuel trucks procured by DCAS for Citywide emergency use. Pictured here is a new FDNY fuel truck. City agencies also procured 849 hybrid electric and alternative fuel fleet units. All expense units have arrived. The capital funded units will arrive in the next 3 to 6 months.

Thanks to DCAS OCP and to the hard work of specifications, acquisitions, procurement, and budget staff across all the major fleet agencies, as well as the City's contracted equipment manufacturers and dealerships.

FLEET SPOTLIGHT: DSNY AUTO ELECTRICIAN JOSEPH SERAO

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The cars and trucks of today are increasingly intelligent, with a wide range of electronics and computers helping drivers and passengers enjoy the most controlled, safe, and comfortable rides possible. The evolution of the automobile has required maintenance and diagnostic practices to adapt as well. The increasing convergence of information technology and electric battery technology in vehicle design is prompting the need for a more diverse set of skills among fleet technicians.

One of the staff helping keep the fleet ahead of the curve is Joseph Serao, an Automotive Electrician assigned to DSNY's Queens Borough Shops. Joe has been with DSNY since 2005, and is focused entirely on auto repair either in the garage or on road calls. Using complex software programs running on a laptop, Joe can diagnose and fix problems as diverse as no starts, short circuits, check transmission, check engine, packer hydraulics, or "anything and everything having to do with any kind of motor vehicles," as he describes it. "Everything in a car is electric today, and can be computer controlled." Joe is called to work on DSNY vehicles ranging from packers and sweepers to plow trucks and SUVs.

Joe grew up in Bay Ridge, and attended Brooklyn Technical High School. For many years he ran his own auto repair garage in Brooklyn, where he honed the electrical and auto repair trades. Joe now lives on Staten Island, and in his off time enjoys traveling the country to tune up muscle cars for top-ranked drag racers. He is also the proud owner of a 1968 Firebird index car. Thanks to Joe for his skill, commitment, and effort.