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## FLEET SERVICES STAFF, BY THE NUMBERS

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City fleet repair requires highly specialized knowledge and experience. New York City operates a critical and diverse fleet of over 27,000 units including garbage trucks, fire engines, emergency response vehicles, forestry equipment, street paving units, sewer cleaners, and 117 types of vehicle in total.

Across the ten main fleet agencies, the Fleet Federation, there are 1,626 full time staff who currently work in fleet services, coordinating the repair, towing, fueling, auction, and administration for fleet and helping keep the fleet operating 365 days a year. Of these, 1,249 (77%) serve in direct repair or towing titles like auto mechanic, auto body worker, or motor vehicle operator. The rest serve in supervision and support titles including as supervisors of mechanical equipment, procurement and stock supervisors and stock-workers, and administrative and analytical titles.

Maintaining continuity in our fleet ranks is critical as fleet, like so many public services, addresses high levels of retirement and the need for careful workforce planning. In the last three fiscal years, fleet experienced a 32% increase in retirement and attrition as compared to the previous three years, with 130 staff on average retiring or leaving their positions.

With the support of OMB and DCAS Human Capital, Fleet is making strides in onboarding a new team of technicians and support staff citywide. In the last three years, 432 full time fleet staff have been hired citywide in fleet services, with 81% in direct repair or towing titles. This new team includes 95 automotive service workers. At the end of FY14, there were 107 auto service workers, up from 75 at the same time in FY12. Service worker is an important title for staff to break into the automotive trades including graduates of the City's automotive public high school programs, many of whom have just finished their summer internships with fleet.

**While on the topic, wishing everyone a happy and safe Labor Day weekend!**

## FLEET SPOTLIGHT: PATRICK SARCONI, FDNY

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FDNY is the largest municipal fire department in the United States. The Review Avenue shop in Long Island City runs repair operations around the clock to take care of ambulances and other emergency vehicles. In case of major emergencies, Battalion Chiefs and other senior officials deploy to the scene to oversee response work in their signature red striped pickups and SUVs such as Excursions, Suburbans, Tahoes, or Silverados (pictured). For years Auto Machinist Patrick Sarcone has been tasked with keeping these vehicles in top condition in what is known as the shop's Chief's Car section.

That job begins from the moment new trucks arrive. Patrick specially outfits each new unit with emergency lights, sirens and other customizations to prep them for a wide range of scenarios. He has been trained in hybrid fuel systems and can address other complex repairs as they come up citywide.

Patrick is not only highly skilled, but also brings passion to his work. He often arrives and gets started early. According to Fleet Services Director Robert McDermott, "I give him many jobs at one time and just walk away," confident they will be completed accurately and rapidly. Patrick joined FDNY in 1987, repairing vehicles for the Communications division. FDNY consolidated repair facilities in the early 90s, and he was transferred to Fleet Services. A Staten Islander, he has been married for 29 years and has three children. His hobbies are custom cars and hot rods.

