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OVER 30,000 DRIVERS COMPLETE VISION ZERO SAFETY TRAINING *KEITH KERMAN*

On Wednesday June 22, DCAS Commissioner Lisette Camilo joined staff from 7 agencies for our Vision Zero driver safety course and helped recognize the surpassing of 30,000 staff trained as part of this critical initiative. This week's courses also mark the updating of the training curriculum to account for the change in fleet rules barring hands-free use of cell phones.

The day long safety training provides an overview of Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero initiative and a detailed review of safe driving practices to help avoid collisions. The training presents examples of serious crashes that have involved City staff in the past, and features the Drive Like Your Family Lives Here video developed by TLC and Families for Safe Streets. Staff who complete the course can receive car insurance benefits as well as reduce points on their licenses.

DCAS has set the goal of having every authorized fleet driver participate in the program every three years. The initiative has been in place a little over two years now. In the next 9 months we will be working with all agencies to schedule remaining staff for the first round of training.

Thanks to all the trainers at agencies including DCAS, Parks, DSNY and DEP who have made this program a success.



FLEET SPOTLIGHT: EV USE BY THE DEP WATER TEAM *MAHANTH S. JOISHY*

The Bureau of Customer Services (BCS) at DEP has a number of mobile teams that travel throughout the City. Now, for the first time, these trips take place in our new electric vehicle fleet. BCS manages all functions related to water and sewer billing for NYC residents and certain upstate communities tied to the water supply. Additionally, the Bureau oversees installation of water meters and replacement of old meters. It also inspects the work quality of water meters installed by private plumbing contractors and enforces the city's water use regulations. BCS also manages consumer-oriented water conservation programs.

DEP water use inspectors install water meters, repair or replace the automatic meter reading devices, and interact with the residents in their assigned districts. The Queens team members are based at the major DEP facility in Lefrak City, and use electric vehicles which are charged at the parking lot for most of their work in the field.



Tablets such as iPads are increasingly common for mobile inspection units at various agencies. Queens water use inspectors are also assigned tablets, which can be plugged into the USB ports in the assigned Nissan Leafs. EVs equipped with USB ports provide plenty of power for mobile devices, adding another benefit along with zero emissions, reduced noise, and no gasoline fill-ups.

We congratulate Associate Water Use Inspector I Roman Benke, Water Use Inspector II Ilesia Steward, and Water Use Inspector II Steven Arcuik (pictured) for leading the charge with their electric fleet.