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FLEET MAKES PROGRESS REDUCING COLLISION CLAIMS

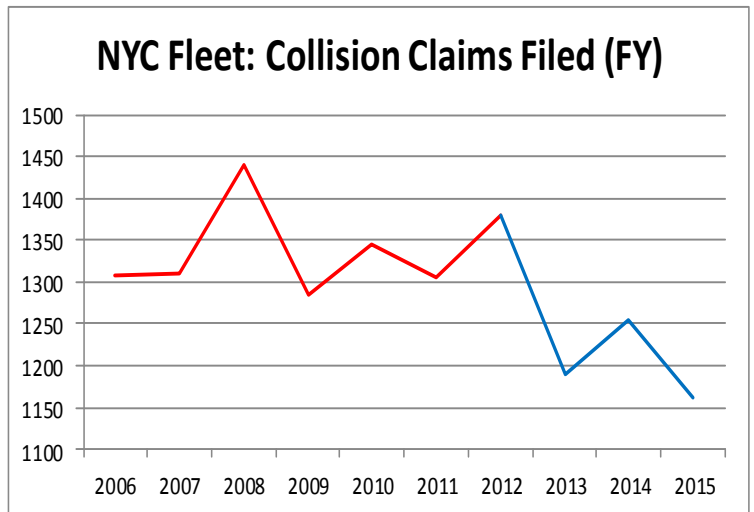
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A new report from the City Comptroller’s office outlines reductions in claims filed by the public in connection to City fleet vehicle collisions. The report shows an 11% reduction in collisions claims in the last three fiscal years from the previous three years. On average, there were 141 fewer claims per year from FY13 through FY15 relating to personal injury or property damage tied to fleet operations. The report can be found at Comptroller.nyc.gov/Claims_Report_FY_2015.pdf. (page 12).

The claims reporting mirrors trends reported through our new CRASH system, where we have documented reductions in fatality and injury events involving City fleet units. Through Mayor de Blasio’s Vision Zero plan, DCAS introduced citywide collision tracking and a CRASH module in the fleet management system NYC Fleet Focus.

The Claims report also cited efforts DCAS has taken to improve claims management and data sharing with the Comptroller’s Office. The Comptroller’s Office addresses fleet claims against the City while DCAS, along with select City agencies, pursues affirmative claims against private individuals and vehicles which damage City vehicles.

Annual reports from CRASH can be found online at the DCAS fleet website.



FLEET SPOTLIGHT: PATRICK WILLIAMS OF DSNY SAFETY

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Patrick Williams is a Supervisor assigned to Safety & Training for DSNY, based at Floyd Bennett Field. Patrick is focused on vehicle safety and Vision Zero. He has been one of the leading defensive driving trainers at DSNY and was also instrumental in helping successfully roll out the CRASH collision management system at DSNY this year. DSNY has by far the largest volume of agency data and documents in CRASH due to fleet size and usage. This year, with Patrick’s help, hundreds of DSNY staff in district field operations learned to use the CRASH system for the first time.

Patrick joined DSNY in 2004 as a Sanitation Worker and spent the next 8 years in the field at districts such as Brooklyn-North 4, Brooklyn-South 16, and other locations. As a Sanitation Worker, he operated all types of heavy equipment including collection trucks, rack trucks, and plow trucks and salt spreaders in winter storm emergencies.

In 2012, Patrick was promoted to Supervisor and assigned to Bronx 4. That same month, Superstorm Sandy struck New York and Patrick was abruptly re-assigned to emergency response work along with his entire promotional class of 66 Supervisors. He spent several months in the Rockaways and Staten Island, supervising DSNY staff and private contractors in debris management and personnel transport projects.

Patrick has continued to answer the call ever since. He has worked overnight shifts to supervise DSNY night operations and still responds to snowstorms. Patrick has also done several tours as a “rotating officer,” part of teams that rove all five boroughs as needed to get jobs done. He was born and raised in Bedford-Stuyvesant, where he still lives with his wife, son, and Golden Labrador. Thanks to Patrick for all his great work on Vision Zero and more.