

NYC Fleet Spotlight: Daniel Zukowski, Auto Mechanic, FDNY

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NYC's most critical and complex fleet are FDNY's fire and emergency response units. NYC operates over 600 ambulances, 210 ladders, 275 pumper trucks, and various types of specialized units. New York depends on these units, and their dedicated and skilled crews, being ready on a moment's notice to respond to fire, medical, and other critical emergencies.

In turn, NYC and FDNY rely on their dedicated mechanics and fleet services team to keep these fleet units ready for action at all times. The fitness of these fleet units can be a matter of life and death and FDNY boasts fleet experts who take this challenge seriously and to heart.

This week's spotlight features one of these fleet professionals, auto mechanic Daniel Zukowski. Daniel is currently assigned to FDNY's 35th Street Fleet Services Garage. He serves in the pumper section and specializes on chassis reconstruction, repairing and rebuilding the core frames of trucks.

Daniel works on an array of specialized vehicles that were custom designed to handle tough NYC conditions. These include pumpers, aerial units, rescue and hazmat trucks, and tower ladders. Currently, Daniel is tackling the total reconstruction of a command, triage, emergency response bus, while also completing daily, short-term repairs on whatever comes through the door.

As per Daniel, the best part of the job is "getting to apply my experience and knowledge to the variety of specialty equipment. It's what keeps it interesting and busy."

Daniel is a graduate of St. Johns Prep in Queens and continued his studies at SUNY Morrisville where he received his Associates Degree in Automotive and Diesel Technology. While in school, Daniel took advantage of a SUNY Morrisville partnership with Ford and was able to work directly at Tower Ford while attending school. After he completed his studies, he



worked for Ryder Rental Truck where he got hands-on experience in diesel truck maintenance. This background would serve him well when he joined FDNY in 2016.

Daniel is a resident of Maspeth, Queens and enjoys spending his time working on motorcycles and playing with his dog. NYC Fleet wants to thank and recognize Daniel and all members of FDNY Fleet services.

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