

DOT, DCAS Debut Truck Safety Video at 6th Fleet Safety Forum

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On October 31st, DCAS hosted the 6th Annual Fleet Safety Forum at the Queens Theatre in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. The fleet forum brings together private and public fleet operators with safety advocates and technology providers to work together to improve fleet safety.

At this year's forum, DOT and DCAS presented a new safety video focused on practical steps each truck operator can take to improve safety. Truck operation is difficult and poses some of the greatest fleet risk. The new video is our latest effort to reach out to the City's professional fleet operators, as well as private truck drivers, to help develop a daily culture of safety. The video is available at the link below (and has post credits footage!):



<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/images/fleet/video/DOT-training-video-lr.avi>

DCAS recognized the 36 staff at DCAS, DOT, Parks, DHMH, BIC, the Mayors Office of Operations, and producer Stephen Mallon, who developed and/or appeared in the video. Their names will be posted on our fleet webpage.

At the forum, Together for Safer Roads (TSR) and DCAS also announced the launch of the Global Leadership Council for Fleet Safety with NYC Fleet as a founding council member. The Global Leadership Council will connect small and medium size fleets throughout the world with more information on best safety practices such as telematics, safe fleet transition plans, truck side-guards, training, and more. The announcement is at the link below:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/fleet/Together-for-Safer-Roads-and-NYC-Fleet-Form-Global-Fleet-Leadership-Council.pdf>

TSR builds public-private partnerships around fleet safety management and initiatives to prevent traffic crashes, injuries, and deaths. TSR was started in conjunction with the UN's Decade of Road Safety. It's global partners include AB InBev, AIG, AT&T, CalAmp, Republic Services, GM, iHeartMedia, Octo Telematics, Geotab, PepsiCo, UPS, Walmart, and others. TSR and DCAS will present further on these international efforts at the Future Fleets Forum in London in January and Montreal in June 2020.

DCAS also discussed a number of new safety initiatives including our initial implementation of virtual reality as a tool to enhance training for fleet operators. The first virtual reality training unit was procured by NYC Fleet and is now in operation at NYC Parks 5-Boro Garage.



DCAS Commissioner Lisette Camilo welcomed nearly 400 people at this year's event, which is the largest crowd of any of our previous forums. Among public presenters was Noah Genel, Commissioner of BIC; Joseph Fucito, the NYC Sheriff; Rich Cerezo, Director of Safety for the MTA; and Alex Epstein and Michael Chang from the US DOT. External fleet managers also presented, including Mahanth Joishy from Madison, Wisconsin; Marchelle Cain and Terrance York from Houston Texas; and Michael Fowles from City Harvest.

The forum also featured moving presentations from our non-profit safety partners, including Marco Connor, Deputy Director of Transportation Alternatives, Rich Conway of Bike NY, and Lauren Pine from Families for Safe Streets. Lauren herself was badly injured in a crash with the back wheel of a truck in NY, the exact type of tragic event that our initiative with truck sideguards can help prevent. You can watch Lauren's testimony and hear her story below:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/images/fleet/video/Lauren-Pine.avi>

<https://abc7ny.com/nyc-nurse-hit-dragged-by-dump-truck-overcoming-brutal-injuries-/5161084/>

After the forum, TSR, Bike NY, private fleets, technology companies, and members of the Vision Zero Task Force including DCAS held an additional workshop on bike safety and trucking.

Thanks to Eric Richardson, Daniel Shinn-Krantz, and Matt Aronberg of DCAS for organizing this year's show and for Queens Theatre and NYC Parks for hosting. We will post photos, presentations, videos, and more about the forum on our DCAS website in the upcoming weeks. We will also be addressing additional aspects of the forum in future newsletters.

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