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## **Vision Zero Driver Safety Training Goes Online**

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One of our first Vision Zero initiatives was to call in all fleet drivers for a day of safety training. Since 2014, over 65,000 fleet drivers have spent an in-person day at DCAS, DSNY, Parks, and other fleet agencies focusing on best safety practices and learning more about Vision Zero.

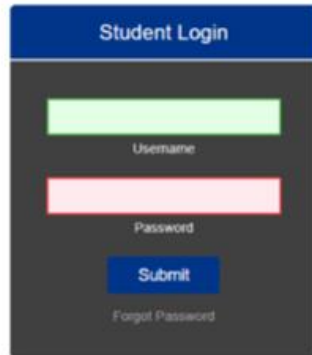
These trainings were suspended due to COVID-19 and at the same time, our reliance on vehicles increased. Now, in partnership with our training supplier National Traffic Safety Institute (NTSI), DCAS is bringing the training back in an online version.

The training will remain a full day. We will review crash trends in the City fleet and discuss what we can do to prevent them. We will discuss why we ban hands-free phone use by drivers and why we are placing side-guards on all trucks. We will remind staff of the importance of the 3-second rule to prevent rear-end crashes, and update everyone on NY's new law that all passengers in vehicles must now buckle up. We will review our live telematics initiative for fleet vehicles and our Safe Fleet Transition Plan to make all vehicles safer in the future. We will also remind all drivers of our fleet rules for vehicle operation.

Our online training will share videos from partners such as Families for Safe Streets discussing the human cost of preventable crashes.

Videos to be shown will show include:

- [DCAS/DOT "I See You" Safety Video for Truck Drivers](#)
- [Vision Zero Network Feature on Safety and Telematics](#)
- [Drive Like Your Family Lives Here](#)
- [Video Discussing Truck Sideguard Initiative](#)



Unlike the in-person courses, students will now have the option to complete the training at one time or in segments. In addition to its safety benefit, drivers who complete the course will be eligible for insurance and points reduction.

Agency Transportation Coordinators at our over 50 fleet agencies and offices will be rolling out the training for our drivers. You can find out more about Vision Zero and the defensive driving course at [NYC Fleet Vision Zero](https://nyc.gov/visionzero). In just the first few days of our launch, ten agencies have enrolled staff.

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While we hope to return to in-person courses in the future, we are excited about the restart of our Vision Zero Safety Training in this online format.

The newsletter will take next week off. We wish everyone a safe and happy Labor Day Week. You have earned it!

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