

Fleet Spotlight: FDNY Auto Service Worker Donovan Etienne

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This week, we spotlight Donovan Etienne, automotive service worker for the Fire Department of New York (FDNY).

Donavan started at the FDNY in May of 2020, at the height of the COVID-19 crisis. Donavan started in the auto parts room and, after only three months, moved into his current position in the pumper section. Before joining the FDNY, Donavan worked as a mechanic at both Mavis and JFK Terminal 7. Donavan is a graduate of APEX Technical School's seven-month Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification program.

In his current role, Donavan handles the daily repairs and maintenance that ensures the FDNY fleet is safe and reliable. He conducts brake testing, truck inspections, light and siren inspections, and many aspects of preventative maintenance, including oil and filter changes. Donavan also assists his FDNY Pumper Inspection colleagues, Roy Rampersaud and Ray Khan, as they inspect new vehicles before the vehicles get put into service. (You can read more about Roy and Ray in our [spotlight on the FDNY Pumper Inspection Team.](#))

Donavan expresses a profound amount of respect for Roy and Ray, and continues to learn a great deal from them every day. Donavan's mother passed away a few years ago and he promised that he would work to constantly better himself in her honor. Through the dedication and work ethic he displays in his role, he is doing just that. His next step is to take and pass the FDNY mechanic's test later this year, and we wish him the best of luck. Donavan expects that passing the test will lead to more opportunities to learn and enhance his skills, potentially with the ambulance, ladder, or emergency repair sections.



Donavan loves working for the FDNY and looks forward to waking up early every morning to get started on the day's tasks. This devotion led to 80-hour work weeks during the City's most recent snowstorm. His supervisor, Gabriel Gordon, says, "Donavan is an ambitious, pleasant, and very hard-working employee who is constantly offering his time to work extra shifts to keep up with our hefty workload. Donavan is always eager to take on challenging repairs to demonstrate he has the skillset to one day become an auto mechanic when the opportunity becomes available. FDNY Fleet Services and the pumper section are incredibly lucky to have an employee like Donavan with such great qualities and work ethic."

When he's not working, Donavan enjoys time with his girlfriend Kayla, and plans to take her on a vacation to Jamaica for her birthday.

Thanks to Donavan and everyone at FDNY Fleet for their dedication to the City. We wish Donavan a long, productive, and successful career with the City's bravest.

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[Fleet Vision International Q4 2021](#)

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