

## **Fleet Spotlight - Shawn Alsop of NYPD's Transportation Division**

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*This week's fleet spotlight features Shawn Alsop, deputy director at the New York Police Department's (NYPD) Office of the Chief of Transportation, and a leader in the City's Vision Zero efforts.*

Shawn came into the NYPD as a highway transportation specialist 14 years ago. In 2015, he was promoted to administrative transportation coordinator and promoted again to his current role as deputy director in 2021. Before his time with the NYPD, Shawn worked for the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration. Shawn is a licensed professional engineer and holds a bachelor's and master's degree in civil engineering from Penn State University. Shawn is also a brother of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

As deputy director, Shawn primarily serves as a special advisor to the NYPD Transportation Bureau Chief Kim Royster. He assists in issues related to traffic safety, traffic engineering, and traffic policy. Shawn says that Chief Royster operates with a "traffic safety is public safety" mindset, and Shawn feels that mindset is especially important now.

One recent focus area for Shawn has been safety outreach for drivers of motorcycles, dirt bikes/all-terrain vehicles, and scooters. The popularity of micro-mobility options has soared in recent years, and so have the concerns about safety for drivers and the general public. Additionally, some new users within this group are unlicensed or operating equipment that is unregistered or illegal. Shawn has taken on the challenge of promoting safe and proper vehicle operations in these communities.

Shawn also plays an active role in the transportation bureau's outreach unit. The unit supports grieving families that have recently lost a loved one in a traffic crash. The outreach group



prepares what are known as *bereavement packages* that help families obtain information about the crash, coordinate the return of personal belongings, receive compensation, introduce potential support services, and provide contacts for questions or needs. Hearing about the loss of a family member is the worst information anyone could receive. Shawn works to provide as much support and consideration as possible during such difficult moments.



Preventing tragedies like these is the top priority, and in this regard, Shawn is very proud of the work that has come out of the City's Vision Zero initiative. Specifically, Shawn is thankful for the interagency collaboration that Vision Zero has helped to create. As an example, Shawn referenced a study that the New York City Department of Transportation produced showing how dangerous left-turns are on city streets. This report has helped inform the NYPD's approach to safety by focusing enforcement on left-turning vehicles which fail to yield to pedestrians and cyclists.

When we asked Chief Royster about Shawn and the work that he does, she said, "He is the consummate professional and a dedicated public servant. Every day, Shawn pushes forward to make sure we are protecting our most vulnerable road users. I am grateful to have him on my team."

When he is not working, Shawn likes to spend time with his family watching movies, especially stand-up comedy shows. The Alsops have had their hands full lately with a new addition to their family, a ten-month-old chocolate Labrador named Rio. The adorable Rio is shown above, the first puppy to make our newsletter!

Thanks to Shawn and everyone at the NYPD Transportation Bureau for working to safeguard our highways and roads, and leading efforts towards our shared goal of zero traffic fatalities.

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## 33rd Annual Equipment and Vehicle Show

### [The 33rd Annual Equipment and Vehicle show](#)

will highlight vendors who support NYC's Clean Fleet and Vision Zero initiatives, as well as daily operations.

This event is free to all exhibitors and attendees. RSVP forms will be available soon on [DCAS's fleet news page](#).



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## NYC Fleet Manual

The NYC Fleet Manual and Drivers Handbook has been updated. Please see the updated version at [NYC Fleet Manual and Drivers Handbook](#).

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### Fleet Vision International Quarter 4



The Fleet Vision International magazine for the fourth quarter of 2021 is out now. This edition features an article written by DCAS Deputy Commissioner and NYC Chief Fleet Officer Keith Kerman on the work NYC Parks is doing to clean, repair, and safeguard NYC parks while reducing fleet emissions.

#### [Fleet Vision International Q4 2021](#)

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### DCAS's Inside Citywide Podcast

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### COVID-19 Safety Reminder

For all fleet drivers, please be reminded to wear a mask when operating a fleet vehicle with others in the vehicle. Attached again are the [Department of Health's COVID-19 Safety Guidelines relating to vehicle operation](#).

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