

## **Fleet Spotlight: NYC Fleet Chief of Staff Sherry Lee**

By: Keith Kerman

Our spotlight for May is on Sherry Lee, who serves as the chief of staff for NYC Fleet.

Sherry Lee graduated in 2001 from Cornell University, School of Industrial and Labor Relations. Prior to graduating, Sherry had spent five years as an assistant manager supporting her family's restaurant, and conducting analysis on executive compensation and human capital issues during the summer months.

Sherry joined the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation's Citywide Operations unit on June 30, 2001, just months before 9/11. Sherry started as an operations analyst, and received promotions to senior analyst, and assistant director of citywide operations. At Parks, Sherry managed fleet administration for the fleet of over 2,500 units.



*NYC Fleet Chief of Staff Sherry Lee and Deputy Chief Fleet Officer Eric Richardson.*

In addition to managing NYC Park's fleet administration, she led inventory control and storehouse management for the agency, and served as an internal auditor for the City marina operations. She managed customer service programs including a highly successful initiative to survey tens of thousands of New Yorkers about parks, beaches, recreation centers, playgrounds, golf courses, and other services. Sherry was recognized with an Isaac Liberman Public Service Award in 2010 from the 100 Year Association of New York, DCAS, and Parks.

In April 2012, Sherry joined DCAS Fleet, first as deputy chief of staff, and then began serving as chief of staff in 2014. As chief of staff, Sherry oversees fiscal management and vehicle acquisitions. Since Sherry's arrival, DCAS has administered \$2.6 billion in vehicle procurement for slightly over 25 thousand fleet units and has committed nearly \$290 million annually. Most recently, Sherry has organized DCAS's acceleration of the transition to electric vehicles, with the City's largest ever purchase of over 1,350 electric vehicles, taking place this year.



*From left to right: DCAS Director of Fleet Acquisitions and Administration Tamika Johnson, NYC Fleet Chief of Staff Sherry Lee, and NYC Chief Fleet Officer Keith Kerman.*

Sherry created the systems for tracking and monitoring the over 1,800 staff who work in fleet services citywide at the main agencies we refer to as the Fleet Federation. She also developed systems for monitoring citywide fleet and heating fuel expenditure, and has played a major role in our biofuel and renewable diesel programs. We refer to the fiscal and personnel tracking system Sherry developed for fleet, consistent with Mayoral Executive Order 141, as the *virtual agency*. This system enables DCAS to manage fleet fiscal issues across over 40 fleet operating agencies, working closely with the the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget.

Sherry has extraordinary administrative, analytical, and organizational skills and plays essential roles in almost every area of fleet endeavor, often behind the scenes ensuring fleet's success. At both NYC Parks Citywide Operations and DCAS, Sherry has an exceptional record of effectiveness and service, producing volumes of substantive work every day and being a leader that her colleagues can rely on.

Sherry lives in Queens, following her beloved (and frustrating) Mets, and enjoys movies and spending time with her parents and nephews.

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## Upcoming Civil Service Exams

The application period for the [auto mechanic civil service title](#) is now June 8, 2022 to June 28, 2022.

For more information on upcoming civil service exams, view the [annual civil service exam schedule](#).

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## 2022 Together for Safer Roads' Virtual Vision Zero Fleet Forum



Please join Chief Fleet Officer and DCAS Deputy Commissioner Keith Kerman, Together for Safer Roads Executive Director Noah Budnick, representatives from the World Health Organization, Republic Services, the National Waste & Recycling Association, US DOT Volpe Center, the City of Madison, and more at the 2022 Together for Safer Roads' virtual Vision Zero Fleet Forum on May 18 and May 19.

DCAS is co-presenting this forum, bringing together public and private fleets to reduce fatalities and injuries on our global roadways by sharing best practices in vehicle design and safety systems, fleet sustainability, driver education and training, and how the fleets of the future will impact road safety.

For more information including schedule, full list of speakers, and registration links please visit the [Together for Safer Roads website](#).

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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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## 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Equipment & Vehicle Show

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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 1



The Fleet Vision International magazine for the first quarter of 2022 is out now. This edition features an article written by DCAS Deputy Commissioner and NYC Chief Fleet Officer Keith Kerman on the efforts that NYPD and other NYC law enforcement agencies are taking to go all-electric and hybrid.

[Fleet Vision International Q1 2022](#)

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### COVID-19 Safety Reminder

For all fleet drivers, when interacting with others in close quarters such as within a vehicle, it is strongly recommended to wear a mask.

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## Check out past editions of the Fleet Newsletter

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 388, April 28, 2022:](#) Mayor Adams Announces Fleet Reduction Initiative

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 387, April 21, 2022:](#) Join NYC Fleet in Times Square For Car Free Day on April 23

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 386, April 11, 2022:](#) DCAS and NYPD Partner With London To Promote Sustainable Fleet

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 385, April 1, 2022:](#) Once Again, It's Not Your Car. It's a City Fleet Vehicle.

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 384, March 23, 2022:](#) Federal CMAQ Funds Support Fleet Electrification

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