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## FLEET, PLEASE GIVE BLOOD!

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Each day, 40,000 pints of blood are transfused in the United States to secure the lives of cancer, surgery, and transplant patients; collision, burn, and trauma victims; newborns and mothers giving birth; and many others. This week, NYC Fleet staff along with those from all DCAS lines of service and other City agencies played their part and contributed at the October 2016 Blood Drive hosted by DCAS and the NY Blood Center at the David Dinkins Municipal Building.

Donors can make an appointment or simply walk in. For the first time a paperless electronic registration was implemented. Snacks and juice were made available for donors. DCAS has several veteran donors. Harris Kaplan is a member of the NY Blood Center Gallon Club and has donated 22 pints since February 2000. With his next donation, he will reach the 3 gallon mark. Elevator Mechanic Orlando Ruiz gives at every drive, because "I've got it and people need it." Meanwhile, NYC Fleet's newest addition, Christopher Towns, made his first blood donation today.

"We all know someone whether family member, friend, neighbor, or co-worker who has been hospitalized and needed blood," states Deputy Commissioner Keith Kerman, who also gave this week. "Donors are the difference between life and death. If you can, please donate."

Thanks to everyone who donated this week. We encourage fleet staff in every agency to give if you can.



## FLEET SPOTLIGHT: DARREN JAGGERNAUTH, NYPD

NATE KOSZER



Community outreach is an NYPD priority, and it helps keep us safe. NYPD has made strides in recognizing, representing, and protecting the diversity of NYC. One of the new policing initiatives is creating customized decal designs for NYPD vehicles during special events such as parades. This initiative is led by Auto Mechanic Darren Jaggernaut.

Darren is based at NYPD Central Repair Shop (CRS) and decals every marked vehicle at NYPD including patrol cars, the Emergency Service Unit, and the Bomb Squad, with 8,000 completed and counting. This year, his new project involved creating original and unique designs for the city's major community events. Graphic design work is first done on the computer. Designs then have to be implemented on a vehicle in time for the particular event they represent. So far, Darren has created custom vehicles for Breast Cancer Awareness, the Gay Pride parade (pictured), and the West Indian parade, with more designs sure to come.

Before taking on his City position, Darren worked at a Nissan dealership. He started his NYPD career doing electrical work for vehicles before being brought over to his current role. Repairing vehicles is both his profession and his passion, as Darren spends most of his free time working on cars as well. We congratulate Darren for his hard work and creativity while also helping celebrate the diversity which makes NYC great.

