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## FLEET LAUNCHES VERIZON FLEET TRACKING PROJECT

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On January 4, 2017, DCAS registered a contract with Verizon NetworkFleet to introduce real time tracking on vehicles for three City agencies: DOC, DOHMH, and DEP. Additionally, OCME has introduced NetworkFleet on 46 vehicles, and FDNY Facilities Management on 138 units. DCAS is making use of a NY State requirement contract. The initiative impacts 334 vehicles across the five agencies currently. As part of Vision Zero, DCAS introduced a citywide tracking program for City vehicles for the first time. DCAS has used this initiative to introduce new forms of utilization and safety reporting and to help improve driving behavior. The current citywide system is a passive system however with data being uploaded during in-house fueling and parking.

As we all know, fleet telematics is one of the most dynamic and changing technology areas in the economy today. Through this initial Verizon project, DCAS and its partner agencies will begin to explore new options for fleet tracking and additional functionalities. Among those functions, the new system will provide real time tracking, custom geofencing and email alerts, including for speeding. In addition, the system should enable better operational management for the agencies, including helping track routes and the status of completed work assignments. Verizon has an extensive mapping system that the City will access for this project.

The quickly changing landscape of fleet telematics, car sharing, and automation offers exciting opportunities as well as challenges for the City fleet. We look forward to working with our partner City agencies as we examine and investigate new and additional options for improving fleet operations and safety.

Vehicle Snapshot	
Last Updated:	1/27/17 8:07 AM
Year Make Model:	2015 NISSAN LEAF
VIN:	
Approx. Location:	1 Centre St New York, NY 10007-1601 US
Nearest Cross Street:	Chambers St
Lat/Long:	40.712818 / -74.003627
Ignition:	Off
Odometer (mi):	
Max / Avg Speed (mph):	4 / 1
Current Speed (mph):	0
Has In-Vehicle Display:	No

## FLEET SPOTLIGHT: WILLIAM KASTEN, DSNY

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The roads are free of snow and ice at the moment but we all know how fast that can change. New York operates 24/7 and relies on clear and safe roads to keep the City on the move. Fortunately, DSNY plow truck and salt spreader operators including William Kasten are always ready to go.

William is a Sanitation Worker at Queens West District, and has been with DSNY since March 2000. During most of the year he completes collection routes in neighborhoods such as Glendale, Maspeth, and Ridgewood driving packers made by Mack or Crane Carrier. During winter storms such as Jonas in 2016, William is detailed on 12 hour shifts for plowing and salting. A typical storm shift will include some prep time to make sure that the plow and the salt spreader are working, the route has been programmed correctly into the GPS unit, and pre-positioning the trucks in the right street locations. When snowfall triggers the plowing operation, William completes the assigned route as many times as necessary. Obstructions such as stuck cars are called into the command to be addressed. If a route can't be completed due to an obstruction an alternative route must be found. William also operates front end loaders, which have a heavier plow, for handling snow on dead end streets.

Besides all major winter storm operations, William has also responded to other sites for massive debris removal work such as downtown Manhattan after 9/11 and the Rockaways for Superstorm Sandy. He serves as a Shop Steward with Teamsters Local 831 to advocate for his fellow Sanitation Workers. William was born and raised in Glendale, the community where he resides and works. In his spare time he likes to ride Harley Davidson motorcycles including for charity events. We would like to thank William for his many years of great service keeping our streets clear.

