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FLEET SPOTLIGHT: MAHANTH JOISHY, DCAS

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This week, we turn the fleet spotlight on to Mahanth Joishy, the Director of Vision Zero and Fleet Safety at DCAS.

Mahanth began his career in City government in July 2001 working in Citywide Operations at NYC Parks after graduating with a degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University. At Parks, Mahanth helped develop a collision management and fleet safety program for the agency along with managing employee recognition, recycling, customer service initiatives, developing the first Field Operations Book, and planning for new park operations.

Mahanth left Parks in December 2011. After nine months travelling the world, Mahanth joined DCAS Fleet in November 2012. He hadn't even been processed as an employee before he began working day and night on the Superstorm Sandy response, which would be his sole focus for nearly six months as DCAS helped the City address the largest disruption to fuel availability in US history as well as over 3,500 destroyed, damaged, or abandoned vehicles and boats.

When Mayor de Blasio announced the Vision Zero initiative in January 2014, Mahanth agreed to take the lead in managing the role of DCAS and the citywide fleet. He served as one of the five agency leads along with colleagues from DOT, NYPD, Health, and TLC and represented DCAS at the Mayor's Office of Operations biweekly coordinating meetings.

Through Vision Zero, Mahanth led a series of critical safety initiatives that have local and national importance. Mahanth spearheaded the completion of our citywide CRASH tracking system as part of NYC Fleet Focus, modelling it after his earlier work at Parks. He developed our partnership with US DOT Volpe which led to our recently announced Safe Fleet Transition Plan. This was also critical to our nation leading truck side-guard program for which Mahanth received national recognition from the Federal Laboratory Consortium in April 2016. Mahanth also introduced our customer survey for fleet drivers, helped expand safe driver training, and organized our Fleet Safety Forums with private sector fleets.

Most notably, Mahanth led the research and assessment that clarified the dangers of hands-free operation of cell phones by drivers and led to our policy change in this area. DCAS has posted his report publicly.

Mahanth also helped prepare NYC Fleet's weekly newsletter, bringing each week renewed attention and deserved appreciation to fleet and mechanical staff citywide from all agencies and to important fleet initiatives.

Alas, this is a bittersweet fleet spotlight, as Mahanth has recently been chosen to serve as the new Fleet Superintendent for the city of Madison, Wisconsin, that state's capital. In Madison, Mahanth will work to further innovative, safe, and sustainable fleet practices following his 15 years of terrific work in fleet and operations in NYC. We are sad to see him go but excited about partnering with yet another leading City on these important efforts. Until we meet again, good luck and thank you!

Mahanth hosted lots of great events and parties in his 15 years in NYC government. Let's send him off with one more....

Farewell Get Together for Mahanth

Friday, July 21, 2017

5:30pm on...

121 Fulton Street, Manhattan

between William and Nassau Streets

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