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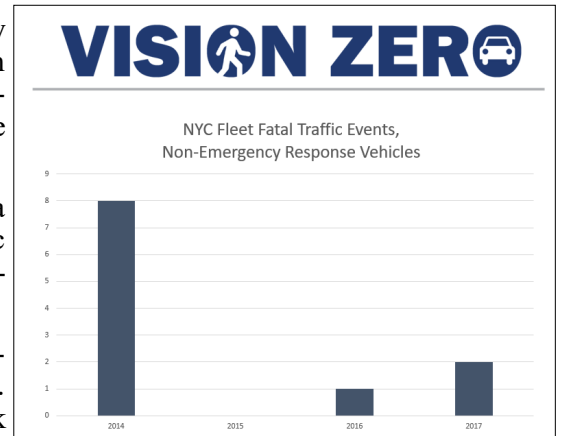
On January 8, 2018 Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that New York City saw a decline in traffic fatalities for the fourth consecutive year under Vision Zero with 214 fatalities total, improving on the previous record of 231 overall traffic fatalities set in 2016. The decrease in NYC has taken place while fatalities nation-wide increased more than 15 percent.

The decline was fueled by a 32% decline in pedestrian deaths in 2017, with a record-low 101 fatalities, as opposed to 148 in 2016. At 47% of all traffic fatalities, pedestrians made up the smallest-ever proportion of the total number of fatalities.

Helping to drive this improvement is a record amount of street redesign being led by City DOT, along with improved traffic enforcement by NYPD. The Mayor’s Office of Operations leads the inter-agency Vision Zero Task Force which coordinates strategies across all agencies to maintain focus on safety and continually evaluate and expand these efforts.

NYC’s fleet is the largest single fleet that operates in NYC and has an important role to play as part of Vision Zero. City owned vehicles have been part of the overall reduction in fatality events. In 2014, as Vision Zero was first launching, there were 8 fatal events involving City vehicles in non-emergency response activities. In the three years since, there have been 3 total fatality events.

DCAS looks forward to working with each agency and also other public and private fleets to maintain and further advance Vision Zero in the years ahead.



FLEET SPOTLIGHT: YUK-SHING LEUNG, NYPD SHOP #4

LENIN FIERRO

Today’s Vision Zero announcement took place at NYPD and our fleet spotlight highlights a story of quick action, courage, and safety by one of fleet’s best. Auto Mechanic Yuk-Shing, “Johnny”, Leung works at NYPD Fleet Services, Shop 4 in Queens.

On Friday, October 20, 2017, at approximately 0930 in the morning, Johnny was performing a highway road test to reset monitors on an NYPD vehicle.

While travelling northbound on the Van Wyck Expressway by Flushing Meadows Corona Park, the private vehicle traveling in front of him began to display signs of distress and caught fire shooting out smoke and flames.

Without hesitation, Johnny pulled on to the shoulder to assist the motorist. He evacuated the female driver and her two children from the vehicle and then proceeded to extinguish the fire with the assistance of a police officer who had been driving by in an unmarked vehicle.

When asked about his quick response, Johnny said “I had no choice but to help. The vehicle was in front of me. I couldn’t ignore it.” Auto Mechanic Leung remained on the scene until FDNY arrived. A true professional, as soon as his services were no longer needed at the emergency, he proceeded to complete the road test he had been doing.

Johnny worked 9 years with BMW as a mechanic before joining NYPD three years ago. Johnny is a graduate of Lincoln Tech and resides in Flushing Queens. Many thanks for your quick and skilled response to a motorist in need and for all your work supporting NYC’s Finest and keeping New York City safe.

