

Fleet Spotlight: Armando Lisojo and His New Fleet EV

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At last week's fleet show, DCAS made a public announcement about the administration's record investments in safe and cleaner vehicles. In the end, our fleet investments aim to support day to day City services and our fleet operators are the linchpins in adopting and making these investments successful. In this week's newsletter, we spotlight a long time fleet operator and expert, Armando Lisojo, Mechanical Inspector at DCAS.



Armando began with DCAS in 1981 as an auto service worker. He was promoted to auto mechanic in 1985 and is our senior technical field inspector in the DCAS Client Services unit. His role is to inspect complex mechanical repairs, ensuring the City gets the best services, quality, and costs. Armando also assists with special projects and emergency operations and played a key role addressing thousands of damaged City and private vehicles after Hurricane Sandy. More recently, Armando is helping DCAS make the transition to servicing nearly 1,000 additional vehicles from NYCHA as part of our recent consolidation.

In his long career as a field inspector, Armando has operated many different City vehicles, including the Dodge Aries K, Ford Taurus, Altima Hybrid, and the Chevy Volt hybrid plug-in. In his role, he also performs mechanical inspections for our full range of alternative fuel units. As part of Mayor de Blasio's NYC Clean Fleet initiative, we asked the entire DCAS fleet services unit to transition to all-electric Chevy Bolts.

While uncertain at first, Armando quickly became a believer. "I have to say, it didn't take long for the Chevy Bolt to become my favorite," states Armando. "The Chevy Bolt is an impressive addition to our fleet." The range of the Bolt is about 230 miles per charge, more than any of our other electric vehicles and has proven more than adequate for Armando to travel to shops in all five boroughs to do his inspections. The Bolt is a cross-over and has more interior space than most sedans.

Armando's glowing review for his newly assigned electric vehicle goes beyond the battery range and zero emissions. The biggest attraction is that the car is packed with safety features that have been put to the test while on the road. These safety features include forward collision alert, automatic braking, front pedestrian braking, lane keep assist, lane change alerts, and a backup camera in the rear-view visor, shown below. These features have helped Armando on his daily drive and are the focus of our Vision Zero Safe Fleet Transition Plan.

Armando grew up in Williamsburg, Brooklyn and attended Thomas A. Edison Vocational and Technical High School in Queens, one of fleet's primary DOE partner schools. He is a longtime Staten Island resident and is married to Nancy. Together they have two daughters, one son, and four grandchildren. His hobbies include biking and fishing.

Many thanks to Armando for four decades of exemplary City service and for leading the way as we make the transition to a more sustainable future for transport.

Wishing everyone a great Memorial Day weekend!



An example of a backup camera in a rear-view visor.

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