

Repurposed Fleet Vehicles are Keeping New Yorkers Safe

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Shared services in fleet take many forms, including inter-agency repair of vehicles through consolidation, fleet sharing through our partnership with Zipcar, and cross-agency collaboration on specifications for new vehicles.



DCAS also helps transfer units between agencies to save money and address changing operational needs. Since 2014, DCAS has coordinated 258 inter-agency fleet transfers, involving 58 separate agencies and offices. The units run the gamut from garbage trucks and sweepers, pick-ups, SUVs, sedans, and electric carts. In many cases, agencies are upgrading older, less efficient units with newer, but still used, units elsewhere. In other cases, units that are no longer needed or under-used at one agency are transferred to an agency with a more pressing operational need.

Our most recent transfer initiative supports NYPD with "blocker" vehicles. In recent years, vehicles are increasingly being used in terrorist and violent actions throughout the world, including New York City. One security measure that cities are taking is to set up physical barriers to protect vulnerable areas. Large City trucks can be used for these purposes to provide mobile physical security on short notice wherever needed.

In 2017, NYPD reached out to DCAS for support in creating a blocker security fleet by re-purposing older work trucks that are scheduled for replacement. These large trucks can be used to block street or sidewalk access and provide enhanced building security in a quick and flexible manner. The first five NYPD blocker units are now in place, converting trucks from DEP and DSNY. These units have been specially reinforced and will support NYPD event and emergency response operations citywide.

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