

Fleet Spotlight: Carl Chiaramonte, DOC

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A core responsibility of the Department of Correction (DOC) is to get inmates to court dates safely and reliably. DOC's fleet of 850 units, including 132 transport busses and 91 vans, and the Rikers Island Garage operation, are critical to this effort.



Correction has installed new leadership in fleet in the last year, with both Greg Dimesa and Carl Chiaramonte of NYPD Fleet taking leadership roles on the island. Carl is now serving as Director of Fleet Maintenance for DOC after 19 years with NYPD as an Operations Supervisor. Carl began with NYPD as an auto mechanic and worked his way up to supervisor of mechanical equipment (SOME).

Carl played an important role at NYPD Fleet. He was the direct contact for emergency repairs for executive leadership at NYPD and the Mayor's Office and helped implement the rollout of integrated mobile Wi-Fi technology. Carl assisted in opening new facilities and repair shops for NYPD and led high pressure efforts to address emergency fueling and lighting after Hurricane Sandy. DCAS has worked with NYPD and other agencies to greatly expand fueling and portable light resources since the storm.

About moving to DOC, Carl states, "The Department of Correction provides a new set of challenges that I did not face at the NYPD. A fresh beginning with a great support staff. I hope to bring the experience of near 20 years with the NYPD to the Department of Correction and build up on their successes and make new ones to call my own."

As director of fleet maintenance, Carl oversees repair and parts operations, including the DCAS strategic parts contract, purchase and acquisitions of vehicles, and facility upkeep. Carl is also helping DOC lead on various citywide initiatives, including introducing a new electric fleet of vehicles (shown here), installing upgraded telematics on all DOC units, expanding biodiesel use, and supporting Vision Zero on many fronts, especially being the first agency to complete all truck side-guard installations.

Carl graduated from Manhattan College with a Bachelor of Science in Education and has been certified a Master Engine Rebuilder by General Motors. Carl is happily married for 18 years to Christina and together they are raising three girls, Caylee, Carla and Claire. They call themselves the 5 Cs and live in Queens, where Carl spends his spare time coaching softball and doting on his daughters.

Thanks to Carl, and Greg, for taking on these new challenges and bringing innovative and best practices to this part of our Fleet Federation. Thanks to NYPD for letting them go!

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