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TRACKING SPEED AND SAFETY

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As part of Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero plan, Fleet is implementing a series of initiatives to improve fleet safety and better safeguard our drivers and the public. These include a ten fold expansion in defensive driving training, centralized collision tracking, and a review of vehicle and truck outfitting and specifications.



The City is also implementing speed and safety tracking in City vehicles. As of this week, nearly 16,000 fleet units from over 40 agencies have these units, called CANceivers, installed. This already constitutes one of the largest roll-outs of telematics to improve safety in public fleets nation-wide. At most agencies, installs are now done or close, with DSNY and FDNY the main remaining fleets to be completed.

DCAS Fleet is beginning to develop and introduce the speed and safety reporting that is core to this effort. For each vehicle, we will be able to track speed patterns and whether the driver is using their seat belt when the vehicle is on the road. We will also be able to identify repeated instances of hard braking or accelerating - 'slamming the brakes' or 'flooring the accelerator'—which can potentially be a sign of unsafe driving behavior. The CANceiver is part of our new citywide fuel management system and will also assist efforts to better monitor and share fueling resources.

The focus of the speed and safety reporting will be to improve fleet driving habits in measurable ways. The ultimate goals are to prevent collisions, reduce loss of life and injuries, and to avoid litigations, vehicle damage, and traffic violations. As you all know, the speed limit in most parts of the City was recently reduced to 25 MPH.

The success of this initiative will require the active engagement of City staff at all levels including drivers, supervisors, managers, and training staff, and from all divisions including operations, administration, and fleet. We estimate there are 80,000 full time or occasional operators of City vehicles.

We appreciate the assistance of each agency during this extensive roll-out and look forward to working with all agencies as we continue to move this program forward. We have attached for fleet operators more information about Vision Zero and safety tracking. This is also now posted on our fleet site at www.nyc.gov/dcas and will be placed in vehicles. Thanks.

ASE CERTIFICATIONS FOR MECHANICAL STAFF

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Again for 2015, DCAS has acquired vouchers for City mechanical staff and supervisors that can be used towards certification and re-certification tests from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). Each voucher is valid for a one-time use and it includes the registration fee.

This year, we also have vouchers for practice tests covering ASE Automobile Tests A1 to A8 and ASE Auto Parts Test P2. Each voucher code can be used to access one practice test for 60 days. The ASE Practice Tests are delivered exclusively online and help technicians prepare for their ASE certification exam by presenting them with content and format similar to those used on the real ASE tests.

We encourage fleet services staff to take advantage of this opportunity. Current winter registration runs through February 20, 2015. To learn more about the ASE certification exams, please visit ASE at <https://www.ase.com>. For more information from DCAS or to attain a voucher, please contact Ramona Ledesma-Garrido at rgarrido@dcas.nyc.gov, or call 212-386-0282.