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NYPD ROLLS OUT PARTS INITIATIVE

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This week, NYPD rolled out its third parts location with the Genuine Parts Company (GPC). The most recent parts room in Staten Island joins NYPD rooms in Brooklyn and Manhattan. Citywide GPC now operates 9 locations including at least one location at all six fleet repair agencies: NYPD, FDNY, DOC, Parks, DOT, and DSNY. At the FDNY ambulance shop, the parts room operates 24/7. NYPD, which helped develop this contract model, now has the most locations. NYC joins cities like Sacramento, Chicago, Tampa, and Houston with this type of approach.

All told, GPC has sourced over 800,000 parts through this initiative which began in April 2013. GPC provides about 24% of City parts currently with the rest coming through other current DCAS GRP parts contracts and the in-house parts rooms. GPC sends morning emails to each agency outlining the status of parts orders, and we have been working to establish similar reporting for all other City parts through the fleet management system, NYC Fleet Focus. At many agencies, a second afternoon update report is also completed each day.

In FY14, the City received in \$55 million in parts inventory into the fleet management system while issuing and using \$50 million in parts. In the GPC program, the City does not pay for on-hand inventory. The City only pays for parts issued and used on vehicles. GPC currently supplies over \$7 million in on-hand inventory at their cost.

The City uses an incredibly diverse set of parts and components to maintain the fleet, and this new contract is an important tool in achieving reliable parts supply. Thanks to everyone for your work on this transition.

SPOTLIGHT: PARKS MECHANICS CARTER AND JACKSON

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In honor of Black History Month, we are recognizing outstanding fleet staff each week of February. We start with two Parks Department mechanics at the 5-Boro Shop on Randalls Island.

Anson Carter and Cedric Jackson both joined Parks eight years ago and take care of approximately 300 vehicles ranging from light to heavy duty. They work on forestry, agriculture, and seasonal units, including high-range bucket trucks, log loaders, wood chippers, pickup trucks, front-end loaders, crane trucks, tractors, mowers, dump trucks, and plows. On any given day, Anson and Cedric might work on hydraulics, brakes, steering, tires, lights, suspensions, engines or transmissions. Both mechanics are skilled diesel technicians and each has a NYS inspection license, CDL, and an FDNY Certificate of Fitness for torch use.

Anson started as an Auto Service Worker (ASW). He was born in Barbados and previously worked as a mechanic for Verizon. At Parks, he has received Employee of the Month as well as Parks Ebony Society Award. Anson enjoys the variety of vehicles at Parks. "Every day is different. I love my job and I have good bosses. It's a great privilege and opportunity to work for the City," Anson says.

Cedric started as a mechanic and previously worked as a service manager for Pep Boys, where he also spoke at company seminars. Cedric is from Brooklyn and attended Automotive High School. Cedric speaks highly of his job at Parks. "I like the experience. It's a very diverse fleet. Everybody's great here," he says.

Anson and Cedric work under the supervision of SOME Tom Weir who has been at Parks for 11 years and also started as an ASW. "They're great workers. They do whatever we give them," Tom says of the two. We appreciate the work done by Anson, Cedric, and the entire 5-Boro team.

