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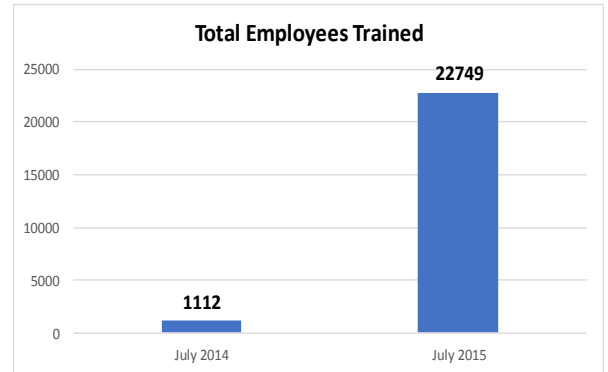
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FLEET SAFETY TRAINING REACHES OVER 20,000 DRIVERS

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In our newsletter published one year ago on July 25, 2014, DCAS discussed plans to greatly expand our training efforts in defensive driving as part of Vision Zero. At that time, we had trained 1,112 staff from 14 agencies based on a pace of 2 to 4 classes per month.

Now, one year later, 22,749 staff from 39 agencies have been trained since January 2014. DCAS along with fleet agencies are conducting 2 to 3 classes per day with each class taking a full day to complete. DCAS added three trainers to cover this major expansion while also certifying over 40 supervisors and staff at 5 other agencies to become trainers.



The defensive driving curriculum is based largely on the New York State DMV certification and created by Empire Safety Council, National Traffic Safety Institute, and National Safety Council. DCAS has revamped this curriculum to include a presentation on Mayor de Blasio’s Vision Zero initiative and to focus on actual collisions and injury events that have occurred with City fleet vehicles and how to prevent them. TLC, NYPD and DOT have also contributed videos and material that are used in the training.

All safety training is now tracked in the City’s fleet management system NYC Fleet Focus, along with a list of authorized drivers. All agencies should review their list of drivers who have not yet been trained or were trained over 3 years ago which is the term of the course. Thanks to DCAS trainers Greg Blain, Lenin Fierro, Matthew Aronberg, and Marcin Gubernat, as well as the trainers and agency coordinators citywide who have led this initiative.

FLEET SPOTLIGHT: TIM MURPHY OF PARKS 5-BORO

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Tim Murphy works at Parks 5 Boro Shop on Randalls Island as a Supervisor of Mechanical Equipment (SOME). He transferred from DEP nearly three years ago as part of the consolidation of Parks and DEP auto repair resources. Tim was an Auto Mechanic at the DEP Wards Island facility for 19 years, where he worked on all types of equipment from Priuses to large load lugger trucks.

At Parks, Tim oversees repairs, PMIs, and MVIs, mainly for DEP equipment. His team helps keep DEP and Parks vehicle out of service (OS) numbers low, despite losing two Auto Mechanics recently. In a peak summer activity week, the OS rate for DEP vehicles serviced by Parks is around 5%. Besides his technical knowledge, Tim is known for providing outstanding customer service to DEP and Parks customers while going beyond the call of duty in responding to emergencies.



Recently, a 2000 KW trailer-mounted DEP generator collapsed due to an unexpected sinkhole at the water treatment plant in the Rockaways. The generator fell against the facility at 4am in the morning on June 15. This incident caused structural damage to the facility and underground infrastructure. Tim and Auto Mechanic Peter Ortiz (pictured above, right to left) quickly responded to the scene and mobilized a Parks heavy duty wrecker and tractor to lift the generator from the sinkhole and place it upright again.

Tim grew up in Ireland, and moved to the United States in 1988. Thanks for all your good work.