

## **NYC Fleet Spotlight: DOC Mechanical Supervisor Victor Maineri**

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For our first fleet spotlight of 2020, we recognize an automotive professional, Victor Maineri, Supervisor of Mechanical Equipment (SOME), who just celebrated his 26th year of City employment, all with the Department of Correction.

Victor graduated from Francis Lewis High School in Queens and also attended Queensborough Community College. Prior to joining City service, he worked at several body shops, and also Ford and Buick dealerships, gaining valuable experience that helped ready him for City repair work. He took the auto mechanic civil service test and joined NYC in 1993.

For decades, Victor served as a mechanic, repairing DOC correction busses, officer response units, trucks, and vans which operate on and support Rikers Island. DOC has one main in-house garage on the island that services all its equipment. Victor was promoted off the last SOMME Civil Service list in 2016. Victor was recently promoted to Operations Supervisor. Victor supervises up to 25 service staff in titles which include SOME, Auto Mechanic, Rubber Tire Repairer, Autobody Worker, and Auto Service Worker.

A main responsibility of the Department of Correction is to ensure that inmates get reliably to their scheduled court dates. Fleet services plays a critical role, maintaining over 700 fleet units in total, particularly the transport busses and vans. There are instances where up to one thousand detainees per day are transported to their court hearings in fleet services units.

One reason why Victor enjoys his job is the constant challenge of learning new things. The fleet industry has changed. Vehicles have become computerized and the traditional combustion engine is being replaced by hybrid, electric and more fuel efficient designs. Mechanics must bring more skills to bear to keep the fleet on the road.



When not at work, Victor loves car shows, particularly showing off his own 2004 Ford Mustang Mach 1. Victor lives in Hollis, Queens with his wife of 23 years Deborah.

DOC and DCAS thank Victor for over a quarter century of service. Keep it up.

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