

Fleet Spotlight: Robert, 'Bobby', Gilliam, NYC Sheriff

By: Eric Richardson and Henry Cornejo

This week, we spotlight Deputy Sheriff Robert "Bobby" Gilliam who serves as the agency transportation coordinator and liaison to NYC Fleet from the NYC Sheriff's Office. Bobby, as most call him, has been with the Sheriff's Office for over 25 years and is involved in all aspects of sheriff operations, including traffic enforcement, civil and scofflaw enforcement, fleet management, and representing the Sheriff's Office on the Citywide Vision Zero Task Force.

As part of the Sheriff's Field Support Unit, Bobby has participated in every major law enforcement action and emergency response undertaken by the sheriff. This includes responses to 9-11, Hurricane Sandy, and the present COVID-19 pandemic. When Hurricane Sandy struck NYC in 2012, he monitored flood levels at Newtown Creek, which borders Brooklyn and Queens, in case nearby emergency response commands needed to evacuate. After the hurricane hit, Bobby set up emergency generator power to help the Department of Finance, which includes the Sheriff's Office, to keep operating.



Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Bobby has worked long hours to make sure New Yorkers were safe and prepared. He participated in mask handouts including one effort in May where over 60,000 masks were distributed in just one weekend, and has assisted with the sheriff's role in enforcing quarantine rules.

Bobby's regular workload includes crackdowns on unlicensed vehicles and businesses, addressing tax evasion cases, seizing assets to satisfy debts to the City, and, of course, coordination of fleet servicing, acquisitions, and compliance for the sheriff. Bobby has helped introduce the sheriff's first electric vehicles and increased hybrid use. Through Vision Zero, he supported the Green Wave initiative by painting bike lanes green to improve visibility for pedestrians and drivers.



As stated by NYC Sheriff Joseph Fucito, "Bobby has been the force behind maintaining a top-notch police vehicle fleet that has enabled the Sheriff's Office to meet its multifaceted missions. Sergeant Gilliam is not only a fleet coordinator, but a line deputy sheriff and supervisor. His multiple roles have made him indispensable." Bobby has also been a great colleague and mentor. As per Deputy Sheriff

Tiffany D'Aquila, "Sgt. Gilliam has been one of the leading renaissance men to guide the agency through past, present, and future changes. As a woman in law enforcement, I am beyond appreciative for what he has taught me. Thanks to Sgt. Gilliam I have been able to break through traditional gender roles, particularly in the realm of emergency response vehicles. Three years ago, I knew nothing about diesel-powered vehicles, but now, I can proudly say that there is not a single vehicle within the sheriff's fleet that I am unable to operate."

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Bobby is known for his dedication and also his warm, open, and genuine approach to others. He is always ready to lend a hand and support a co-worker. Bobby is an advocate for rescue animals and has opened his home to various animal species. He is a committed public servant and, as importantly, a truly nice person. We will post some more fleet photos from Bobby on our website.

NYC Fleet and DCAS thank NYC Sheriff Fucito, Deputy Sheriff Gilliam, and everyone at the Sheriff's Office for their years of support and partnership!

Check out past editions of the Fleet Newsletter

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 325, October 28, 2020](#): The WIN, WIN, WIN, WIN of Alternative Cleaner Fuels

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 324, October 19, 2020](#): NYC Fleet Spotlight: Taurean Sweeney, TLC

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 323, October 13, 2020](#): Back to Basics, Taking Care of Your Vehicle

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 322, October 1, 2020](#): DSNY Unveils First Fully Electric Refuse Truck

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 321, September 25, 2020](#): Fleet in the MMR, FY20

Check out the [complete archive](#).

// CONNECT WITH DCAS TO FOLLOW NYC FLEET //

