

## **NYC Fleet Spotlight: Dina Luddeni, FDNY Safety**

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This week's newsletter places the fleet spotlight on Dina Luddeni, executive assistant for the chief of safety at FDNY.

Dina has worked at FDNY since 2012, starting in the Human Resources Department before moving into her current role in 2015. Before working for FDNY, she served as operations manager for the community-based program Associates for Bilingual Child Development, and before that worked for Citibank.

Dina's main role is leading the fleet collision tracking unit for FDNY. Dina oversaw a significant transformation of this unit, with the most notable change being crash reports going fully paperless in October 2020. As anyone who has been in a crash knows, there can be a lot of paperwork and administrative burden. FDNY now uses portable computers to record and track crashes in real-time from the location of the crashes. The system can scan in driver's license information, registrations, and even insurance information at the scene, leaving only the State MV-104 and police report to be completed and tracked down manually.



This improvement in the internal FDNY process also provides NYC Fleet with almost immediate alerts of collisions that occur where an injury has been recorded at the scene. FDNY is working with DCAS and NYC Fleet to use this new system to expedite the upload of all crash documents into the CRASH tracking module as part of the citywide fleet system, NYC Fleet Focus, which is in the official system of records for fleet crashes.

Dina also serves as FDNY liaison to Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero Fleet Working Group. This group holds meetings at least once a month to speak about fleet safety systems, vehicle collisions, and education and outreach.

Dina is also involved with HR-related tasks for FDNY safety and assists with drafting and tracking grant requests for tools, travel, and training. Since 9/11, the required training for firefighters has changed significantly, and funding for that training needs to be obtained and tracked. Recently, Dina has been assisting DCAS with getting more FDNY employees signed on to take our new

online Vision Zero Safe Driving course and we greatly appreciate her assistance. Over 400 FDNY staff have enrolled in online fleet safety training in just the last month.

Dina and her husband Ralph, who works at DSNY, are both considered essential workers and have been working throughout the entire COVID-19 pandemic. As parents of a 3-year-old and 6-year-old, they have had to manage both working and providing learning from home. While the last year has been a difficult journey for the family, as it has been for so many others, they have found joy and balance in weekly trips with their children to the City's parks.

FDNY Safety Deputy Assistant Chief Michael V. Meyers stated that "Dina is an incredible asset to the Safety Command. She works tirelessly and diligently to get the job done. All the work she does is a testament to her commitment to safety. She works seamlessly with all members of the command to help us achieve our desired goal, which is to send each of our FDNY employees home to their loved ones safe and sound. She is a testament to hard work and dedication and a role model for all."

Thanks to Dina for her commitment to fleet safety and her dedication, along with all of FDNY, during this trying year.

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## COVID-19 Safety Reminder

For all fleet drivers, please be reminded to wear a mask when operating a fleet vehicle with others in the vehicle. Attached again are the [Department of Health's COVID-19 Safety Guidelines relating to vehicle operation](#).

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