

Over 5,000 Drivers Complete Online Vision Zero Safety Training

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Since 2014, DCAS and fleet agencies including DSNY, Parks, and DEP have provided nearly 70,000 fleet operators with an all-day safety training program. NYPD and FDNY do additional training beyond this initiative, focused on emergency vehicle response.

In [Fleet Newsletter 318](#) of August 2020, DCAS announced that we had moved the course to an online format to adjust for COVID-19 limitations.

A little over eight months later, we have now surpassed the 5,000 participant mark in our online format, with over 1,000 additional staff enrolled. Staff from 45 separate agencies and offices have participated including elected official offices, district attorney offices, and our client and Fleet Federation fleets.

DCAS discussed this progress at our annual All Agency Fleet Federation meeting on April 29.

The online training covers best practices for staying safe including following the speed limits, adhering to the three-second rule, wearing seatbelts, and avoiding distractions including our bar on hand-held and hands-free phone use by drivers. Drivers who

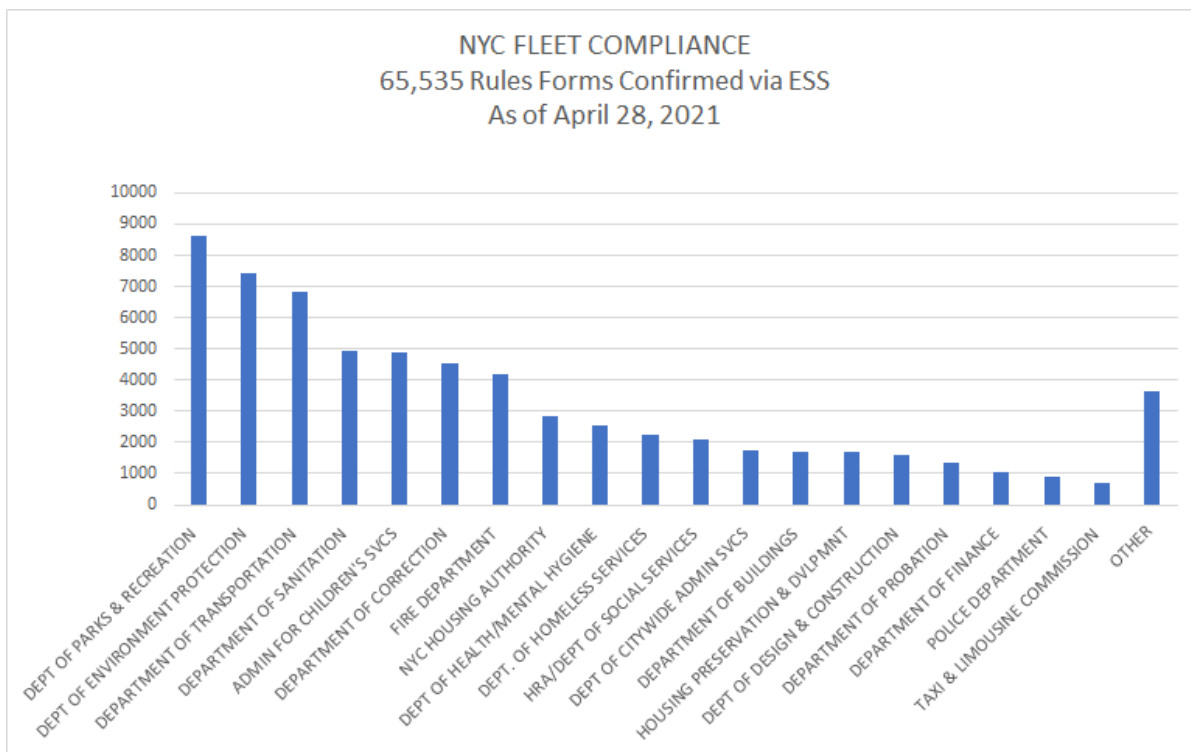
Vision Zero
NYC Fleet Online Safe Driver Training
 as of 4/27/2021

Agency	Registered	Completed
ACS	308	252
CCHR	12	11
CCRB	31	16
DCA	42	42
DCAS/MO	175	161
DDC	181	159
DEP	701	630
DHS	119	89
DOB	244	213
DOC	300	277
DOE / SCA	25	16
DOF	16	15
DOHMH	282	241
DOITT	22	21
DOP	99	86
DOTR	736	684
DPAR	1036	957
DSNY	2	1
ELECTED OFFICES	16	10
FDNY	805	474
HPD	17	15
HRA	206	200
NYCHA	258	231
NYPD	11	6
OCME	84	76
OTHER DCAS CLIENTS	66	49
QN DA	20	12
TLC	217	213
Total	6031	5157

complete the training are also eligible for discounts on vehicle insurance and a reduction in license points.

The program is open to all authorized fleet drivers and is paid for by DCAS. To enroll, operators should reach out to their vehicle coordinators. You can also find more driver training information including the fleet manual, driver rules, information about our telematics program, and more on our [NYC Fleet Training page](#).

The online training has proved to be an excellent complement to our fleet compliance efforts through Employee Self Service (ESS). Over 65,000 times, staff have downloaded fleet, fuel, commuting, and car share program rules through ESS, in addition to those who have signed for those rules in paper.



We have also begun a program of safety training through video conference sites and look forward to restarting in-person training as soon as possible. DCAS plans to maintain the online option even when in-person courses continue.

Thanks to Deputy Chief Fleet Management Officer Eric Richardson who manages our Vision Zero efforts, and to Marcin Gubernat, Nate Koszer, Veronica Rodriguez, and Jason Li who developed the online program. We encourage all fleet operators to get up to date on this training, which is required at least once every three years.

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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