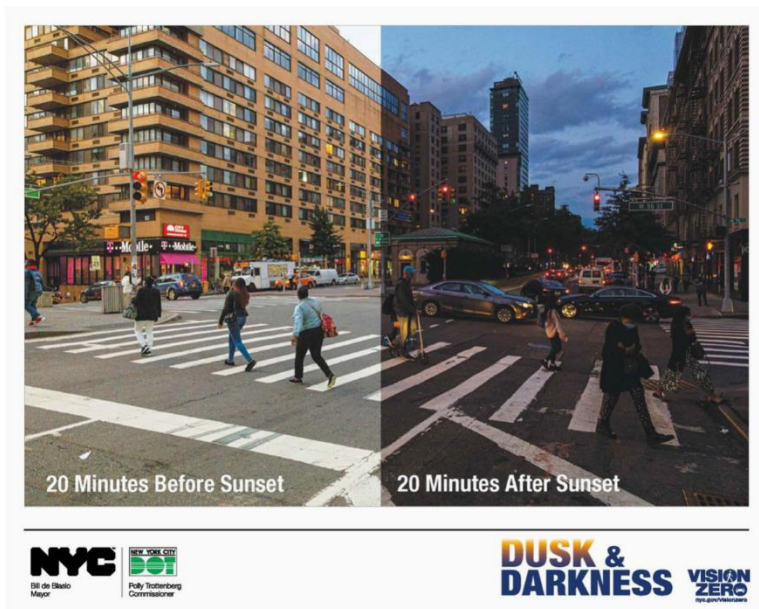


Vision Zero Dusk and Darkness Campaign

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On November 4, 2021, Mayor de Blasio announced the launch of this year's [Vision Zero Dusk and Darkness campaign](#).

Driving is hard. Our fleet operators provide critical public services 24/7, including throughout the evenings and nights, and are challenged by the difficult conditions on the roads throughout NYC. Night driving is even harder with added visual limitations and the glare of headlights to contend with. Add wet or snowy weather, and the risks of driving at night become exponentially higher.



New York City DOT looked at data from 2010 to 2014 and found that serious collisions involving pedestrians increased by approximately 40% in early evenings in late fall and winter during the darker periods. According to the [National Safety Council](#), 25% of driving takes place at night; however, 50% of traffic deaths happen at night. The risks could not be clearer.



DCAS fleet staff joined DOT staff at the dusk to darkness announcement at One Police Plaza.

Through our Vision Zero Safe Fleet Transition Plan (SFTP), DCAS is taking some steps to make night driving safer for fleet operators. These include adaptive headlights, heated mirrors, safety lights for work trucks, and telematics to monitor driving behaviors. We discuss the dangers of night and bad weather driving in our safety training for all fleet operators.

The best approach is to avoid night driving if you can. It's simply common sense that the risks of driving at night will always be greater than day-time driving due to the visual limitations.

If you must drive at night to perform your work, follow these basic tips:

- **Stay focused on the road.** Especially at night, the only safe driving is focused driving.
- **Slow down.** Reduced visibility at night decreases response time while driving.
- **Make sure your headlights, brake lights, and turn-signals are properly working and clear of debris.**



- Clean your windows and mirrors.
- Make sure your windshield wipers are clean and in good condition.

DCAS will be joining NYC DOT to promote safe driving at night as part of the *Dusk and Darkness* campaign. Thanks to DCAS Fleet staff Eric Richardson, Nate Koszer, Veronica Rodriguez, Marcin Gubernat, Jason Li, Matt Aronberg, Dilshad Basheer, and Fouad Salem for their assistance with this initiative.

NYC Fleet Manual

The NYC Fleet Manual and Drivers Handbook has been updated. Please see the updated version at [NYC Fleet Manual and Drivers Handbook](#).

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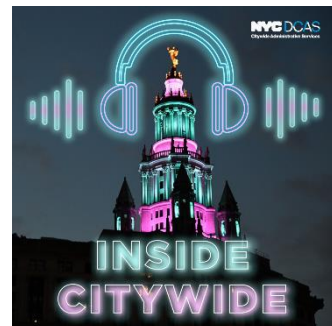
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NYC Fleet and DCAS Deputy Commissioner Keith Kerman were recently recognized in the 2021 Climate Leadership Awards.

The awards highlight exemplary corporate, organizational, and individual leadership in reducing carbon pollution and addressing climate change. To learn more about the award recipients, visit [2021 Climate Leadership Award Winners](#).

DCAS's Inside Citywide Podcast

DCAS's [Inside Citywide podcast](#) provides a behind-the-scenes look at New York City government. Episode 2 is out now and takes a look at the future of the City of New York's vehicle fleet as it transitions to all-electric by 2040.



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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[NYC Fleet Newsletter 368, October 29, 2021](#): City Council Expands Truck Side-Guards Law to Contractors

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 367, October 21, 2021](#): Eric Ritter, DSNY Mechanic, Eclipses World Speed Record for Electric Vehicles

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