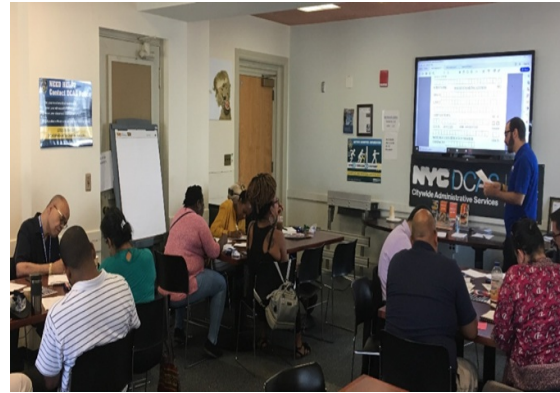


DOE and DCAS Partner on Safety Training for School Bus Drivers

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A foundation of our Vision Zero efforts in Fleet has been the requirement of a day of safety training for City fleet operators. Over 58,000 staff have spent a day at DCAS or with trainers from agencies including DSNY, DEP, ACS, HRA, DOT, and DPR reviewing the risks of driving and discussing best practices for staying safe.



DCAS is now partnering with the Office of Pupil Transport (OPT) at the Department of Education to expand this training to the City's privately managed school bus drivers.

On August 5, 2019, 16 staff from OPT participated in a "Train the Trainer" session with DCAS Fleet staff. This is the first step for each of them to become NYS certified Defensive Driver Instructors. The training also reviewed Vision Zero, NYS Vehicle traffic laws, Commercial Driver License (CDL) regulations, and school bus operations.

DOE currently utilizes over 9,500 school buses, one of the largest ground fleets in the country.

DOE Participants in
Train the Trainer for
Fleet Safety

These initial staff from DOE will teach classes with DCAS instructors over the next few weeks to finish their certifications. DOE and DCAS staff will also work to customize the training curriculum to focus on safety tied to school bus operations and child transport. DOE will launch a program this fall 2019 to have all school bus operators attend this training at minimum once every five years. This initiative will be the largest expansion of the DCAS Vision Zero training initiative to private non-City employees.

Thanks to DOE and OPT for launching this important safety partnership and to all 16 initial participants from DOE. Special thanks to our DCAS instructors Nathaniel Koszer, Marcin Gubernat, and Lenin Fierro.

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