

NYC Fleet Spotlight - Kirklival Henry, DCAS Fleet Purchase Director

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This week our newsletter spotlights Kirklival Henry, purchase director for Fleet at the DCAS Office of Citywide Procurement (OCP). Kirk has been with OCP since 2010, having first been hired as a quality assurance specialist before moving into procurement in 2015, and then being promoted to director in 2017. Prior to OCP, Kirk worked in procurement for Wesco, a nursing supply company based out of Long Island. Kirk is a City University of New York (CUNY) graduate and has a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration. He is also Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certified, a collegiate level certification program that focuses on creating more cost-efficient processes and services.



DCAS Purchase Director Kirk Henry

Kirk and his team of three analysts are responsible for the review and implementation of all fleet related City contracts, about 370 contracts in total. Kirk and team have helped procure nearly every City of New York fleet vehicle on the road today, from cars, vans, fire trucks, and off-road units. The City operates 191 types of on and off-road units and Kirk sets up the contracts needed to buy them. Kirk also helps implement a wide variety of other specialized equipment contracts, including charging stations for electric vehicles, the Department of Environmental Protection's 60 foot marine survey vessel, the Department of Health's helicopter, marine hoists for the Department of Sanitation waste hauling operations, and our strategic auto parts contract.

The City of New York is committed to having an all-electric fleet by 2035 for most models and 2040 for specialized trucks and equipment. Behind the scenes, Kirk is helping make

this effort a reality. Kirk and his team have worked with DCAS Fleet to prepare the specifications for light duty and medium duty electric vehicle contracts. The City now operates one of the largest electric fleets in the nation, at over 4,000 units, with more on the way.

Kirk helped broaden our bidder participation, leading to Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise firms winning our contracts for the Ford Electric Mach E and the Ford E Lightning police pickup truck. Kirk is now working with DCAS Fleet on a series of electric truck contracts, including for garbage trucks, sweepers, passenger vans, and box trucks. Kirk is incredibly appreciative of his team and for the resources, flexibility, and space given to his team by senior management. When asked about the work Kirk does, DCAS OCP Deputy Assistant Commissioner Masha Rudina said the following:

“Kirk is my absolute rock, work-wise. We have been working together for years and it is so comforting to know that I can always depend on him, his knowledge, his sense of responsibility and his care for the work he does. He is a perfect example of what a civil servant should be.”

Outside of work, Kirk enjoys reading and traveling, and is planning a cruise around Europe with his wife. He is also a massive *Star Wars* fan and is looking forward to watching through the latest season of *The Mandalorian*. The force is strong with Kirk, and we thank him for the complex yet critical work he is doing to advance the City’s fleet and sustainability program.

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](#).

Save the Date: 34th Annual Equipment and Vehicle Show

The 34th Annual Equipment and Vehicle Show will take place on May 11, 2023 at Flushing Meadows Corona Park in Queens. The show is hosted every year by DCAS in collaboration with the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, and highlights vendors who support the City of New York's Clean Fleet and Vision Zero initiatives.

To register and learn more, visit [DCAS's website](#).

34th Annual Equipment & Vehicle Show

Thursday, May 11, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Rain Date: Friday, May 12, 2023

Flushing Meadows Corona Park,
Queens, by the Unisphere

Fleet Vision International: The Show

The 2023 [Fleet Vision International: The Show](#) will take place on April 26 and April 27 in London. Registration information, speakers, and the full agenda [are now available](#).



COVID-19 Safety Reminder

For all fleet drivers, when interacting with others in close quarters such as within a vehicle, it is strongly recommended to wear a mask.



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