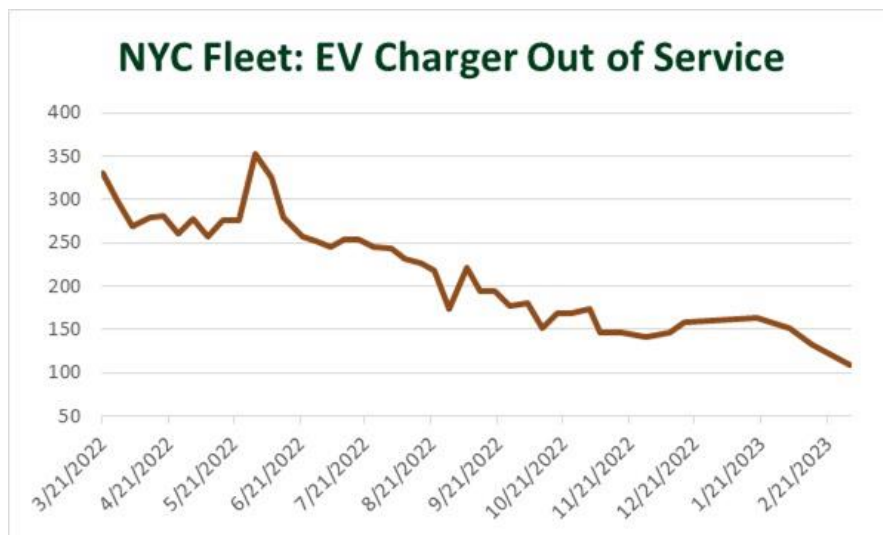


DCAS Fleet Field Services Unit: Watching Over the City's Electric Vehicle Charging Network

By: Keith Kerman

For many years, DCAS has been focused on building out an electric vehicle (EV) charging network to support our goals of introducing electric vehicles to the City's fleet. Slow chargers and fast chargers, solar carports, and mobile chargers, some networked, some not. We have now built one of the nation's largest single charging networks with 1,400+ ports and growing fast. Our sustainability unit led by Assistant Fleet Commissioner Brent Taylor and Sustainability Coordinators Fiona Crisp and Julia Marchetti is busy tracking the EV charging inventory and installing more sites.

All leaving one important question: who's going to maintain it all? During the COVID-19 period especially, we started to experience how out-of-service equipment can impact our charging infrastructure and the need for a coordinated program of maintenance and upkeep.



In the spring of 2022, DCAS organized a first Field Services Unit including Supervisor Marcin Gubernat, Field Technician Gary Prasad, and two mechanics, Vincent Stephen and Michael Doman. Learn more about Gary's work through the [DCAS We Serve Wednesdays series](#).

The Field Services Unit has spent the last year conducting a full review of all of fleet's charging, developing an expertise on servicing and repair, identifying replacement parts, and tackling the out-of-service chargers. In the last year, they have achieved a 67% reduction in down chargers with a goal of no more than 5% out of service at any time. The unit is now our go-to team for EV charging service issues citywide.



DCAS Fleet Services team with their new electric service van.

In addition to charging, the Field Services Unit will also be handling many other projects including the installation and replacement of telematics devices on fleet vehicles, safety outfitting including surround cameras and pedestrian alerts for trucks, intelligent speed assist (ISA) installation, and rollout of the sideguard law for City contractors. To support their growing efforts, the team will now be operating out of a *Ford E-Transit* all-electric cargo van as their mobile repair and servicing unit.

If you have servicing issues with NYC fleet EV chargers, you can [email DCAS Fleet](#).

Congratulations to Paris Apollon who has begun as director of fleet services at NYC Department of Environmental Protection after serving in the same role at NYC Parks. On Feb. 16, a large crowd of admirers, led by NYC Parks First Deputy Commissioner Iris Rodriguez, joined at NYC Parks 5-Boro Garage to celebrate Paris' 18 years of working in fleet operations and servicing at NYC Parks.



NYC Parks Chief Fiscal Officer David Stark, DCAS Deputy Commissioner Keith Kerman join Paris at his NYC Parks farewell on Feb. 16.

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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This Past Week: March 5 - March 11

International Women's Day is celebrated at City Hall, Mayor Adams signs major climate and domestic violence legislation, and welcomes new Commissioner of Probation Juanita Holmes this week in New York City.



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[NYC Fleet Newsletter 418, February 13, 2023](#): DCAS Partners With the Department of Youth and Community Development To Promote Youth Employment

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 417, February 3, 2023](#): DCAS Partners With the Department of Youth and Community Development To Promote Youth Employment

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