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Office of the City Sheriff

- The New York City Sheriff's Office was first established during the Dutch settlement of New Amsterdam in 1626.
- Chapter 44 of the New York City Charter establishes the Office of the Sheriff as a mandated law enforcement agency, holding jurisdiction over all five counties within the City.
- The powers and duties of the New York City Sheriff include the enforcement of: criminal/ civil laws, vehicle and traffic laws, court ordered mandates, and directives set forth by the City's Mayor.

The Enforcement of Ghost
Vehicles and Fraudulent
License Plates





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Illegal ghost vehicle activity peaked in the spring of 2021.

During that time period, there were significant correlations between serious crimes committed and the presence of temporary /fraudulent license plates.

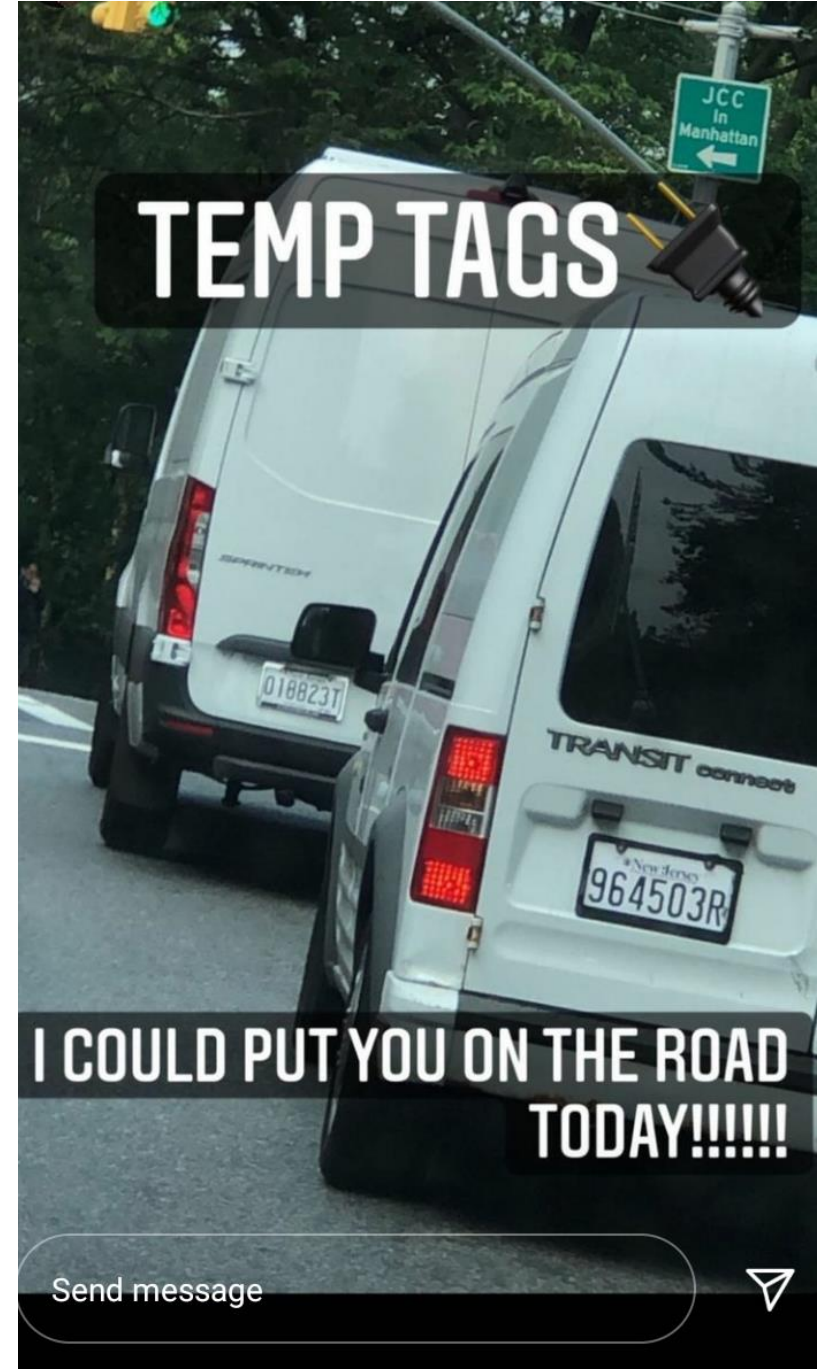
- Homicides
- Burglaries
- Vehicular assaults



Social media became a prime source of advertisement, not only for the sale of used vehicles, but for temporary license plates from outside of New York.



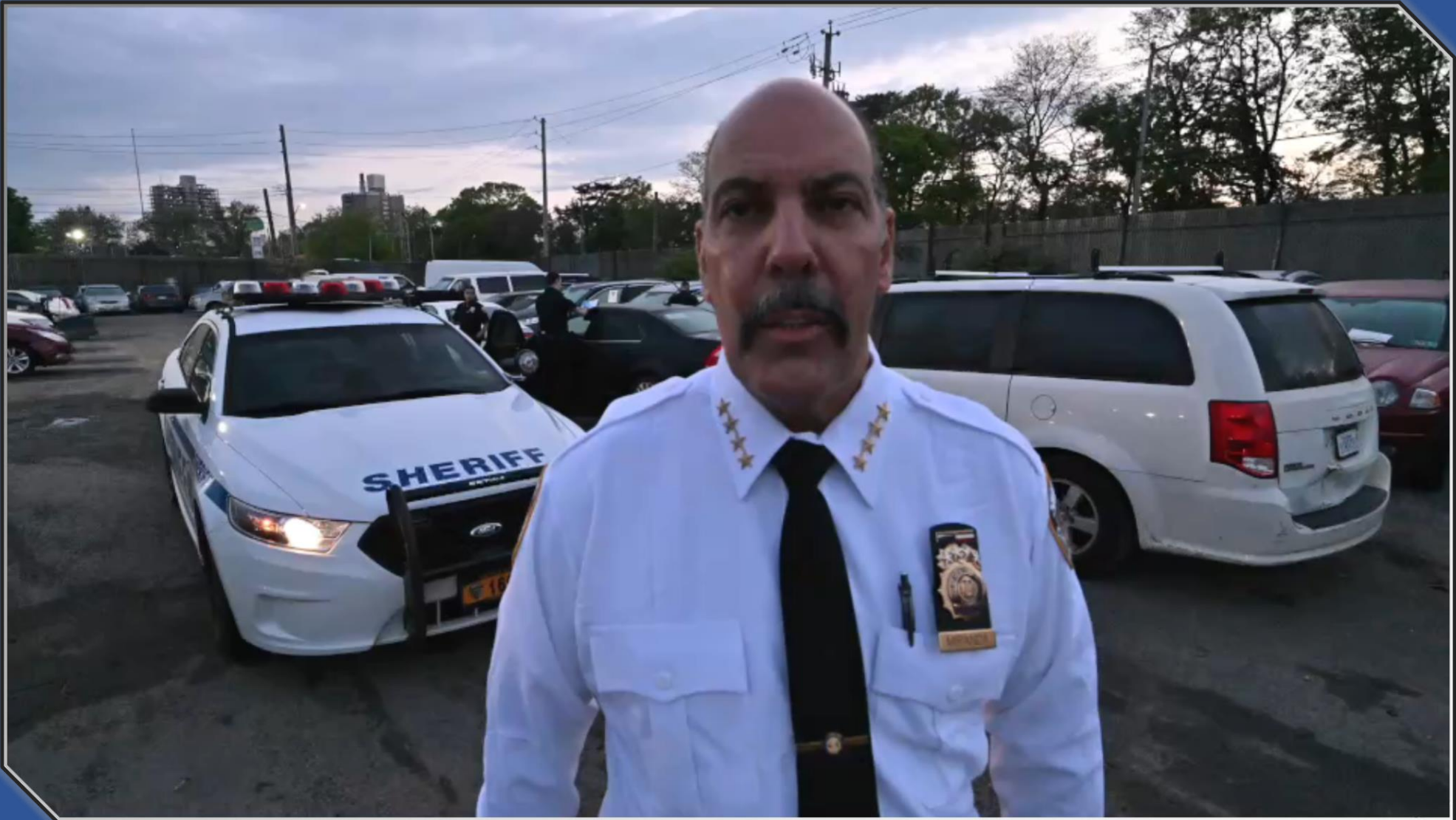
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- In May of 2021, the Sheriff's Office spearheaded the City's enforcement of "ghost vehicles". Such vehicles were unregistered, uninsured, and displayed invalid license plates.
- Simultaneously, egregiously aggressive driving behavior plagued the City of New York, spiking traffic incidents resulting in: serious physical injuries and property damage, significant financial loss, and fatalities.
- Data and other analytics collected have shown significant toll and camera violation evasions, costing the City and State untold millions of dollars.
- In 2021, the Sheriff's Office seized 6,026 vehicles for such violations. In 2022, thus far over 12,975 vehicles have been seized for such discrepancies. Totalling over 19,000 vehicles seized for suspended/ invalid registrations or expired insurance.







	VTL Compliance Seizures	Fatalities Involving Vehicles	Major Violation Involved Fatalities	Camera Enforcement Rejections
October 2020	700	26	11%	10%
October 2021	910	32	22%	5%
October 2022	1,990	19	5%	5%

Comparing October...

- Fatalities that involved major violations (unlicensed operation, prior suspensions, history of DWI/ DUI, hit and run collisions, etc.) did spike in 2021. However, with increased enforcement, fatalities involving such behavior plunged in 2022.
- “Camera Enforcement” encompasses events captured by speed and red-light cameras. Rejections are often correlated to license plates that do not show true Registrant information. As of August 1st, 2022 camera enforcement is now 24/7.
- VTL compliance seizures under the Scofflaw program includes improper: insurance coverage, vehicle registration, and suspensions set forth by the New York State DMV due to excessive toll violations.

** Fatality data, and camera event rejections provided by the NYC Dept. of Transportation*





Enhancing enforcement in partnership
with other State and City Law
Enforcement Agencies





Through special enforcement operations such as *Paper Chase* and *Rolling Vigilance*, the New York City Sheriff's Office has stopped drivers operating vehicles with invalid or obstructed license plates.

Drivers are usually issued a citation for the offense. However, in more serious circumstances, operators have been placed under arrest.

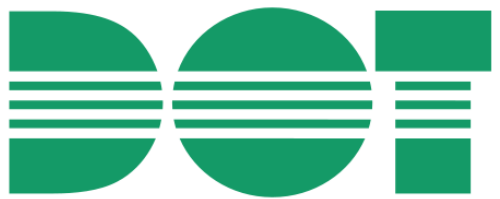
All interactions with drivers and vehicle registrants have served as educational opportunities. Common misconceptions about temporary in-transit permits or tags, and license plate covers are often explained and later corrected.

Information and experienced knowledge are shared amongst agencies such as the New York Police Department, Tri-Borough Bridge and Tunnel Authority, and the New York State Police.

Collectively such enforcement continues to take dangerous vehicles, and contraband, off our City's streets and highways.



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