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Sixth Annual TLC Safety Honor Roll Recognizes More than 450 Drivers

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Today, the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) hosted its sixth annual Vision Zero Safety Honor Roll ceremony, recognizing the safety achievements of more than 430 professional drivers. The TLC also celebrated the achievements of TLC licensees in customer service and providing Accessible Dispatch trips, as well as car services and fleets that set a high bar for safety.

These full-time drivers were selected for the Honor Roll today because they did not have any safety violations over the past four years and were not involved in any serious crashes. Combined, they completed a staggering 4.7 million+ trips during this period.

“Professional, TLC-licensed drivers do over a million trips a day in New York City, and their commitment to safety while sharing the streets with cyclists and pedestrians has a tremendously positive effect on our streets,” said Acting Commissioner Bill Heinzen. “We are excited to recognize this elite group of drivers today, as well as the bases who make safety part of their mission. Today we also honor drivers who go above and beyond in our Accessible Dispatch program, as well as those who provide excellent customer service.”

“It is an honor to be a guest for this year’s Sixth Annual TLC Safety Honor Roll which honors drivers who consistently have been safe drivers in New York City. As our streets become more traversed by cyclists and pedestrians seeking alternative modes of transportation we need to make sure we continue to highlight the importance of road safety. We must also recognize the services of the men and women who work very hard to make a living driving their livery and taxis vehicles while providing an important service to our city,” said Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation.

“I am proud to see the TLC is acknowledging over 450 drivers who have consistently showed that they value the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, drivers and their passengers above all else. I will continue working with TLC Commissioner Bill Heinzen to ensure we continue to highlight the importance of driving safely in The City of New York.”

“If a driver is just starting out, I would advise her or him to make sure their mind is cool when they are on the job,” said speaker and honoree Chaudhry Hussain, who has been a driver for almost 30 years. “Always give way to everyone. You will meet many new people on the job— and by respecting everyone on the street, you will help them get to their destination safely.”

2019 Honor Roll: By the Numbers

- **Who they are:** TLC Safety Honor Roll drivers are full-time drivers who have not been involved in crashes involving a fatality or injury, have no traffic violations, and have no violations of TLC safety-related rules for four or more years.

- Yellow taxi drivers: 307
- For-hire vehicle drivers: 186
- Green taxi drivers: 58
- Commuter van drivers: 28

■ **Where do they call home:**

- 39% of driver honorees hail from Queens
- 23% of driver honorees reside in Brooklyn
- 18% of driver honorees live in The Bronx
- 9% of driver honorees are Manhattan residents
- 3% of driver honorees call Staten Island Home

■ Seven drivers honored today are women.

■ Six of our Honor Roll drivers have been recognized each year since 2015. One driver, Howard Kugelman, has been honored all six years of Honor Roll.

■ **Safest Fleets, Bases, and Van Companies**

- We honored four yellow taxi fleets, sixteen car services, and five commuter van companies for outstanding safety records.
- Taxi fleet Ann Service Corp. has been on the TLC Safety Honor Roll for three consecutive years.
- The 25 companies honored today are based in all five boroughs, including 13 in Queens, six in Manhattan, three in Brooklyn, and one in the Bronx. Two are based outside NYC.

■ **Achievements in Accessibility**

- Passengers can receive wheelchair accessible taxi service on-demand in all five boroughs through the TLC's Accessible Dispatch program.
- The Accessibility Leaders recognized today have averaged more than 250 accessible trips since the start of the Citywide Dispatch Program in 2017.
- One honoree completed more than 350 Accessible Dispatch trips between Sept. 2018 and June 2019.

■ **Customer Service**

- Ten licensees were honored for providing outstanding service to the riding public, including drivers who went above and beyond providing Access-a-Ride trips, and those who moved mountains to find and return lost property.

About Vision Zero and the NYC TLC:

Mayor Bill de Blasio launched the Vision Zero Action Plan in 2014, a comprehensive strategy designed to move the city closer to ending traffic fatalities. As one of three lead agencies-- along with the NYPD and Department of Transportation -- on achieving Vision Zero, the TLC has implemented many different safety-focused initiatives, including driver education, enforcement, and recognizing the safest drivers.

You can learn about the Vision Zero Driver Safety Honor Roll by visiting nyc.gov/taxi.

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission is the largest for-hire vehicle regulatory body in the United States, created in 1971. It regulates over 200,000 drivers, more than 130,000 vehicles, and the businesses that operate and support them.

To find out more about the TLC, we encourage you to visit our official website nyc.gov/taxi.