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FLEET AGENCIES TALK VISION ZERO

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On March 21, fleet coordinators from 22 agencies joined at DCAS to review progress on Vision Zero initiatives. With 27,000 vehicles, NYC operates the largest fleet within the five boroughs and we will all be taking steps as part of Vision Zero to improve safety.

At the meeting, DCAS presented the first results from the new citywide Collision Tracking system (CRASH). CRASH is part of our new fleet management system NYC Fleet Focus. Through CRASH, the City will track, analyze and load documents related to fleet collisions in one central database for the first time. We will also be able to tie accident reports to repair records, claims and litigations.

We have recently loaded nearly 1,000 collisions representing two years of incidents involving DCAS client fleet agencies. Early data shows the importance for drivers of maintaining a safe distance behind other vehicles as rear-ending was a major cause of preventable collisions. Parks will be the next agency to go live on CRASH.

At the meeting, we also reviewed the roll-out of the fuel tracking system and Canceiver tracking project and the expansion of defensive driving to all authorized drivers. DCAS will be working with each agency to schedule in staff and vehicles to implement those efforts this year.

The safety of the public and our co-workers must be the priority whenever anyone gets behind the wheel of a City vehicle. Thanks for everyone's help in moving these efforts forward.



SPOTLIGHT: DEP FLEET DIRECTOR REBECCA BOWEN

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This week we are pleased to spotlight Rebecca Bowen for Women's History Month. Rebecca joined DEP in September 2013 and is currently the only woman managing one of the large New York City fleets. Prior to DEP, Rebecca worked at a technology startup called OPower for two years, taught at Youngstown State University for one year, and served as Executive Director of Operations at NYC Small Business Services for five years.

DEP manages over 2,000 vehicles, including almost 400 off-road units and 550 for their upstate water operations spread out over 130 miles. The fleet is diverse with sedans, pickups and SUVs and also unique specialty trucks such as jet flushers and catch basin machines. "Through the fleet, I support DEP's operations that provide clean drinking water and handle waste water, both integral to the Agency's mission," said Rebecca.

Through fleet consolidation, DEP's fleet has gone through a major transformation in the last two years. Rebecca has focused on these projects including monitoring shared fleet servicing, implementing a capital vehicle replacement cycle, car sharing through Fast Fleet, electric vehicles and fleet sustainability, and rolling out the new Fleet Focus management system. She is looking forward to partnering with NYC Fleet on the CRASH module for collision management and other vehicle safety measures.

Rebecca grew up in the trucking industry through her family's truck parts distribution business. Rebecca is from Youngstown, Ohio where she graduated from Youngstown State University, majoring in Anthropology, and holds a Master's degree from Pratt Institute. She is also a classic car and muscle car buff and the proud owner of a 1976 El Dorado convertible.