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# NYC FLEET NEWSLETTER

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## FLEET FEELS THE HEAT

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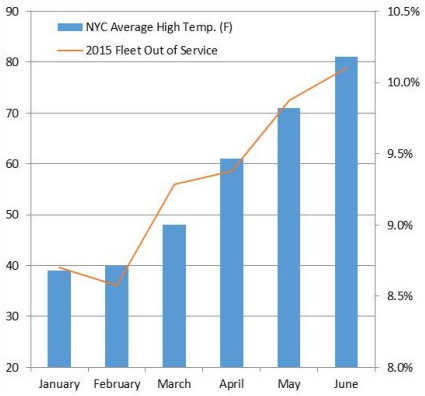


The warm weather is back, along with the challenges that heat poses for our fleet maintenance program. The summer months are among the busiest for City operations and warm weather can also overtax and overheat our City vehicles. We have seen a very strong correlation between temperature and out of service trends in the three years of the daily fleet service report. July is on average the warmest month in NYC and has had the highest citywide out of service each year.

There are basic steps that we can take to minimize heat impacts on the fleet:

- Check your anti-freeze levels to start the summer.
- Top off motor oil, transmission, and other fluids.
- Check and correct tire pressure. Under-inflated tires on hot pavement can lead to tire failures and blowouts.
- Minimize vehicle idling and maximize use of hybrids. Since operators are more likely to be using air conditioning in the summer, the maintenance and emissions impacts of idling are greater. Hybrid electric vehicles idle using the electric battery which alleviates stress on the engine.
- Make sure your vehicle is up to date on preventive maintenance so mechanics can check batteries, belts, hoses and other components that can be impacted by the heat.

Be good to your vehicles and have a great summer.

## YOUR CHOICES MATTER

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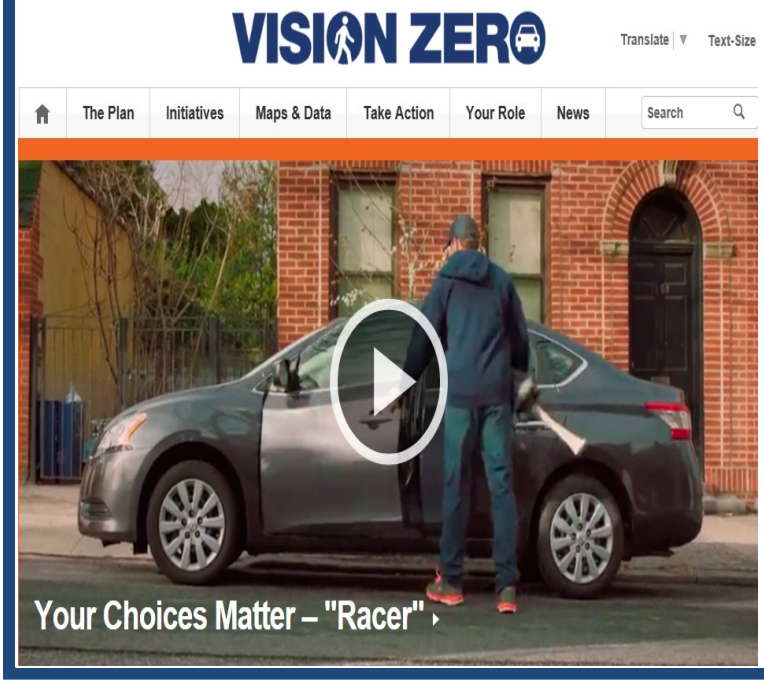
As part of Vision Zero, City DOT has developed and posted new videos highlighting the importance of safety. The videos can be accessed at: www.nyc.gov/html/visionzero.