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FLEET SPOTLIGHT: WEST HAMILTON BEACH VOLUNTEER CORPS

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The West Hamilton Beach Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Corps has operated continuously since 1928, primarily serving the communities of West Hamilton Beach, Howard Beach, and Gateway National Park out of the fire house on Davenport Court. Approximately 30 volunteers currently staff the Corps year-round, responding to over 500 ambulance and fire calls per year over about five square miles. Calls include carbon monoxide alarms, vehicle collision extrications, water main breaks, or structural fires. Volunteer departments such as West Hamilton's help to supplement City and private sector resources in life safety situations, where every second of response time matters.

Apparatus run by the Corps include two ambulances and two fire trucks, all of which have been donated. One of their fire trucks is a Seagrave rescue pumper donation recently transferred from FDNY (pictured, left), which is currently being prepped for service. This donation will prove useful, especially considering that Superstorm Sandy caused major damage to the Corps vehicles, equipment, and facilities in 2012. "We would like to personally thank DCAS and FDNY for working out this donation," said Andy Zych, Deputy Chief of Department.

The West Hamilton Beach Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Corps has been a fixture in the community going on 87 years. Chief of Department Jonah Cohen has served there for 40 years, and his fifth year as Chief. There's also a talent pipeline from the Corps to the City. "Some of our volunteers have gone on to work at FDNY as firefighters and EMTs, and rose through the ranks including Captain," said Cohen. Thanks to Cohen, Zych, and their dedicated team of skilled volunteers, and a happy and safe Fourth of July week to all.

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VISION ZERO FLEETS SAFETY FORUM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 2015

8:30AM TO 1:00PM

QUEENS THEATRE
FLUSHING MEADOWS CORONA PARK

FREE FOR PARTICIPANTS AND VENDORS
BREAKFAST AND LUNCH SERVED