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TLC LAUNCHES PILOT PROGRAM TO TEST ACCIDENT DATA RECORDERS

The TLC has authorized a pilot program that will test a data recording system that will record certain critical information in the event of an accident, reminiscent of the black boxes used in the aircraft industry. The purpose of this pilot program is to obtain objective, accurate automotive crash data that will help better determine the cause of an accident, and the extent of the damage to the vehicles involved.

The pilot program, which will run for one year, has two companies taking part: Safety Intelligence System's Event Data Recorder will provide automatic collision notification of a vehicle by wirelessly transmitting a number of vehicle parameters that are being sensed in the vehicle by the EDR and automatically transmitted to the SIS Global Safety Data Vault; and the Independent Witness records the magnitude and direction of all forces in an accident to allow the industry to determine the injury potential in any given accident. Both companies are authorized to install a minimum of 250 units, and a maximum of 1,500 units.

An added benefit to the pilot program is a \$300 insurance premium reduction offered by American Transit Insurance Company for the installation of the IBM/SIS Black Box. The Independent Witness is currently working with Hereford Insurance Company to offer an insurance discount. Upon final approval of these devices, a further insurance discount may be offered based on the success of the program.

For more information on this pilot program and the companies involved, log onto the TLC's official website, www.NYC.gov/taxi, or call the TLC's Customer Service Hotline at 311.