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TLC HOLDS FIRST EVER DRIVER RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Honors Drivers Who Saved Lives, Returned Lost Property

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) held its first Driver Recognition Ceremony today, honoring drivers that went above and beyond the call of duty in assisting the riding public. The roster of honorees included drivers of the medallion taxicab, livery, black car, commuter van, paratransit and luxury limousine industries.

"You are truly the cream of the crop," said TLC Commissioner/Chair Matthew W. Daus at the ceremony. "There are so many drivers that do a good job day in and day out, but all of you have done something special that deserves recognition, and we should spend the time to honor you, so that others will hopefully follow your lead."

The ceremony, which was attended by many of the leaders of the TLC's regulated industries, honored 62 drivers that have performed outstanding deeds such as returning lost property, potentially saving lives by reporting crimes and emergencies, and making a difference in the lives of their fellow New Yorkers in other varied ways. Among the honorees was Mr. James Foster, who found a marble statue from the Civil War era that was stolen from Woodlawn Cemetery. Another honoree was Mr. Beniste Senat, who returned two violins to the Juilliard School that were left in his cab by students. There was also Mr. Antonio Miranda who, when not driving his taxicab, runs a soup kitchen for the poor, and Mr. Michael Moncrease, who was one of the first and most active volunteers of "Operation Free Transportation," a program that provided free rides to families and emergency workers following the tragic events of September 11th.

"This ceremony is a prime example that our licensees are providing the best possible service to the riding public," said Commissioner/Chair Daus. "At the TLC, complaints against drivers are down by 20%, and compliments keep going up. There are so many letters that come across our desks praising drivers for everything from returning their lost property, to simply providing a courteous and pleasant ride."

If a passenger experiences a situation where a driver goes above and beyond the call of duty and wants to compliment their driver, they are encouraged to call the TLC's Customer Service Hotline at 212-NYC-TAXI, or e-mail the TLC at www.NYC.gov/taxi.