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FOR PLANNING PURPOSES

Event Date: Thursday, 10/21/21

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**“SNOW AND TELL” IS BACK! AHEAD OF FIRST FLAKES OF THE YEAR,
DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION TO HOST ANNUAL BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK
AT SNOW OPERATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA**

Members of the press invited to see equipment up close, film b-roll, speak to experts to facilitate coverage of snow operations throughout the winter season.

EVENT DATE: Thursday, October 21, 2021 – The New York City Department of Sanitation, the world’s largest municipal sanitation agency, will host its annual “Snow and Tell” behind-the-scenes look at snow operations for members of the media. DSNY is responsible for removing snow and ice from approximately 19,000 lane-miles of roadway around New York City, and is pleased to give press the opportunity to learn about this process and film b-roll ahead of the first snowfall.

While DSNY is always happy to facilitate b-roll and interview requests during snow emergencies, the pace of operations sometimes makes this difficult. This event allows news outlets to capture footage and interviews in advance for use throughout the winter season. It may be particularly useful for reporters who are new to New York City.

WHERE: Manhattan 1/2/5 Garage, 353 Spring St., 10013. Parking available on Spring, Washington, or Canal.

WHEN: Tour and demonstrations to begin on 5th Floor at 2pm.

KEY PERSONNEL: DSNY Commissioner Edward Grayson, DSNY Chief of Operations John Chingas, Assistant Chief Christian Hourihan, other Sanitation experts on snow removal

VISUALS: A salt spreader will be filled with rock salt using a large front-end-loader; a plow will be placed on and removed from a collection truck; 60-ton snow melters and small equipment for clearing bike lanes will also be on site.

A snow equipment explainer video filmed in 2020 that features many of the same types of equipment can be seen [here](#), and may be useful for planning purposes.

Members of the media are encouraged to RSVP to pressoffice@dsny.nyc.gov. Upon RSVP, media will receive a PDF overview of snow operations which can help inform any questions during the event.

About the New York City Department of Sanitation

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) keeps New York City healthy, safe and clean by collecting, recycling and disposing of waste, cleaning streets and vacant lots, and clearing snow and ice. The Department operates 59 district garages and manages a fleet of more than 2,000 rear-loading collection trucks, 450 mechanical brooms and 705 salt spreaders. The Department clears litter, snow and ice from approximately 6,500 miles of City streets and removes debris from vacant lots as well as abandoned vehicles from City streets.