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Winter 2016

Commissioner's Column

While this year's snow season had been slow to start, we certainly made up for lost time with the arrival of the blizzard beginning late January 22.

The storm not only brought more than 30 inches of snow to some parts of the City, but also gave us the opportunity to test expanded programs that began last year. We also had the chance to use some new equipment, and use a new facility.

Sectoring, classifying streets in to two groups instead of three, was well received on Staten Island last year, and we expanded it this season to all of Queens, Manhattan, and a section in the Bronx and Brooklyn. Overall, we did a very good job clearing the streets, with most of the City clear a day after the snow stopped. However, in a few areas we encountered some trouble navigating through heavy snow or stuck cars on some narrow streets. We will do a full recap of our overall storm operation and look for ways to enhance our response.

Prior to this snow season we added new equipment to our fleet — 70 salt spreaders. Some can be dumped of salt after the storm, eliminating the need to spin the salt out once the storm is over. These new vehicles will be a great benefit to us.

Additionally, late in 2015, we opened the new salt shed on Spring Street in Manhattan. Architectural experts called it a work of art and mention its unique shape, which can be described as resembling a giant salt crystal. The facility even made it's TV debut and was on display for all to see during the blizzard, acting as a backdrop for a press conference.

The City depends on us as emergency responders, and I'm proud of the job we did. The snow that we were responsible for clearing could fill Yankee Stadium 66 times. That's no small feat. We were able to return to some collection routes a week later. Great job all around.

Kathryn Garcia



The Manhattan 1/2/5 garage and Spring Street salt shed.

Print Project



DSNY is part of the NYC Printsmart Initiative, a citywide project to centralize the management of printers, copiers, scanners, and fax machines. The City has selected Xerox to provide these services. DCAS, FDNY and NYPD are already involved.

The project will bring new eco-friendly devices to replace some obsolete printers and may involve

relocating existing devices, adding new devices, and removing older or underutilized devices. Any changes will be made with our needs in mind.

The Initiative will:

- Reduce cost of printing
- Increase sustainability by reducing energy consumption, solid waste production and greenhouse gas emission.
- Improve service we receive

BIT is leading this project, and representatives will reach out to all offices. The program will be rolled out this year to all offices.

DSNY Night with the Riveters



The New York Riveters, a member of the National Women's Hockey League, held DSNY Night on Jan. 17. The Ceremonial Unit presented colors, our director of videography sang the National Anthem, the DSNY Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Band played, and Commissioner Garcia dropped the ceremonial opening puck. Thanks to those who were able to join us at the game! We hope to hold more "DSNY Nights" with more local teams in the future.

Collector's Items

Congratulations to **Kirk Eng** who was appointed the Agency Chief Contracting Officer (ACCO). Kirk had been the Deputy ACCO since 2006.

Director of HR **Nancy Reilly** sends her thanks to all who generously donated to the Toy Drive for NU F.A.C.E.S Children's Organization. Every child attending the event received two toys! Thanks to all for your giving spirit.

Condolences to family and friends of retired Supervisor **John Nuzzi**, assigned to BK 1. He was also involved in 9/11 cleaning efforts.

Last year, the Strongest were responsible for making more than 2,100 blood donations, some 400 more than in 2014. Staff at the **Queens CRS** made 814 donations! All together,

your donations affected the lives of more than 6,000 local patients. Thank you!

Wishing CIO **Joe Greco** many years of happy and healthy retirement. Thank you for your leadership through the years.

Condolences to family and friends of **Ronald Nathaniel Gibbs**, retired Sanitation Worker, assigned to BX 5.

Congrats to **Edmund Lee**, who was appointed as Chief Information Officer for DSNY. Edmund has been with DSNY since 2007, and steadily increased his responsibilities in managing the day to day BIT operations. He has been the Deputy CIO since 2009, and his latest achievement was successfully leading the in-house implementation of the first phase of SMART.

Brrrrrrrr!



Some brave, and cold, members of the DSNY family took part in the annual Polar Bear Plunge in Coney Island on New Year's Day. From left to right, **Supervisors Andrew Schoenfeld, Richard Perrotta, Michael Perrotta, Sanitation Worker Richard Calabrese, and Deputy Chief George Best** before

they took to the cold surf. This year, the "Freezin' for a Reason" Polar Bear plunge raised money for Camp Sunshine, a free camp providing respite and support for children who are suffering from life threatening childhood illnesses, and their families who are impacted by the severity of the disease.

Kids of Sanitation



Say hello to Gianna, daughter of **Superintendent Anthony Guidice** from Queens East as she shows off her Strongest pride! Want to see your child's photo here? Send photos to bmager@dsny.nyc.gov or tag the photo on Twitter or Instagram with a DSNY hashtag.

New Patches are Coming

The new Department patch will soon be making its debut. The patch, featuring the new, updated logo will appear on new uniforms in the coming months. The updated logo emphasizes the caduceus, showing our commitment to keeping the City healthy, safe and clean.



EEO Message

DSNY maintains a robust and effective workforce by fostering an equitable, diverse and inclusive work environment. Our workers are assuredly our greatest asset. We are committed to recruiting, developing and retaining a diverse and inclusive workforce which reflects our great City's population.

We recognize that by placing a high value on our differences, we build stronger teams, thus driving our best work performance. All managers and supervisors are expected to promote a work environment that values equity, inclusion of, and respect for all.

The DSNY Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion is committed to providing

equal opportunity for all workers to grow, strengthen skills, and cultivate better communication among each other and between Managers, Supervisors and subordinates – bringing out the best in every member of this agency. Whenever conflicts arise, mediation, if appropriate, will be used to resolve disputes or conflicts.

Working together towards these goals with an engaged workforce, ensures we will continue to provide courteous, reliable and professional service to the New Yorkers who depend on us.

We are one team, working together to do one thing – serve the citizens of New York with pride, excellence and STRENGTH. After all, we are the STRONGEST!