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## **NYC Department of Sanitation to expand Syringe Litter Collections**

### **Six New Environmental Police Unit Officers to Focus on Clearing Syringes from City Streets and Sidewalks**

#### **WHAT:**

In its ongoing effort to help keep the City healthy, safe and clean, the Department of Sanitation is announcing the addition of six Officers to the Department's Environmental Police Unit, the specially-trained team responsible for picking up syringes from public sidewalks and streets, among other duties. The six new Officers will focus their work in upper Manhattan and in the Bronx, and will support efforts as part of the Bronx Action Plan.

#### **WHO:**

Councilmember Diana Ayala

Kathryn Garcia, Commissioner, NYC Department of Sanitation

Dr. Hillary Kunins, Executive Deputy Commissioner, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

#### **WHEN:**

Tuesday, October 29

1 p.m.

#### **WHERE:**

Corner of 145<sup>th</sup> Street and 3rd Avenue

The Bronx

#### **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.