

NYCsanitation Trash Talk



The 2017 DSNY Calendar is Here!

The 2017 DSNY calendar is hot off the presses – with a new crop of New York’s Strongest looking their best. Thanks to generous support from the Municipal Credit Union, every employee will receive a copy, so be on the lookout for upcoming distributions at DSNY locations across the City. This is the Department’s second calendar, and it displays the beauty of our public servants who perform some of the City’s dirtiest jobs.

From the Commissioner



As 2016 draws to a close, we deserve to consider all that we accomplished this year.

We created our first Strategic Plan, our roadmap to strengthen services and modernize operations.

We unveiled NYC Organics in more districts, creating the country’s largest organics curbside collection program.

We expanded organics requirements to the commercial sector.

We responded the fiercest snowstorm in City history, clearing enough snow to fill Yankee Stadium 468 times.

We released our first DSNY Calendar, showing the beauty of our employees who perform the City’s toughest jobs.

We created the Foundation for New York’s Strongest to promote the hard work, dedication and dignity of our Sanitation Workers.

We held a Fashion Week event, selling your decommissioned uniforms to build respect for our workforce – and drawing an online and print reach of 8.3 billion people.

We did so much – and have so much more ahead in the New Year. From leading the commercial carting sector to more efficient and sustainable practices to reducing plastic bag waste to opening the Hamilton Avenue Marine Transfer Station, we’re already positioned for a successful and productive year ahead.

Of course, many of us are drawn to DSNY for a meaningful, stable job to make our lives better or to help support our families. That’s why so many of us stay for decades. In that spirit, let’s not just reflect upon the work we do, but also upon the people who inspire us.

Thank you for all you do to enrich our Department and our City.

Have a story to share? Tell us at TrashTalk@dsny.nyc.gov

On The Move



Medical Division Director **Lara Glass, Esq.** has joined New York's Strongest from New York's Bravest. At FDNY, she most recently served in the Health Care Compliance Office after her work as Administrative Director of the World Trade Center Health Program. Ms. Glass has earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Harvard University, a Master of Public Health from the University of North Carolina, where she is also an adjunct professor, and a Juris Doctor from Brooklyn Law School.

Getting to Zero



Commissioner **Kathryn Garcia** bestows an organics bin upon Deputy Commissioner **Larry Cipollina**, who lives in the Queens 11 expansion district.

We're now the largest organics program in the United States!

We're on track for organics collection and drop-off sites Citywide by 2018 – and thanks to our recent expansion in Queens, DSNY now boasts the largest organics curbside collection program in the country. In fact, almost 1,000,000 New Yorkers can now set their organics at the curb for collection or visit convenient drop-off sites. Today, we're turning organics into compost to fortify the City's soil. Looking toward the future, we'll also be using it to create clean energy to heat buildings across the five boroughs.

In Case You Missed It



DSNY's Hebrew Spiritual Society recognized Chief **Stephen Harbin** for his contribution to keeping our workforce and the public safe. Photo, from left: Hebrew Spiritual Society President **Edward Yood**, Chief Stephen Harbin and DSNY Rabbi **Stuart Berman**.

New York's Bravest Strongest



From left: Superintendent **Fred Tuzzolino**, **John Fermin**, Sanitation Worker **Robert Mauro**, Sanitation Worker **Michael Petruzzi**, **Toni Bongiovanni** and **Chief Nick Pompeo**

While heading to their routes in Staten Island 2 early one morning, Sanitation Workers **Michael Petruzzi** and **Robert Mauro** spotted smoke near a residence. Taking quick action, they raced to the home. Michael pounded on a door to wake the residents, and then grabbed a garden hose to put out a fire that engulfed a wooden fence and was spreading to their backyard shed. Meanwhile, Robert called 9-1-1 to report the emergency and secure help. True to the DSNY spirit, after they extinguished some of the fire and New York's Bravest were on hand to finish the job, Michael and Robert simply returned to their collection truck and serviced their route. We only heard about this dramatic turn of events after resident **Toni Bongiovanni** posted a plea on Facebook to identify the heroes. Our Public Affairs team spotted the post and made the introduction to our Strongest who she now calls her "Sanitation Angels."

Next-gen Strongest



Sanitation Worker and Community Affairs Liaison **Teresa Cunningham** joined MS 763 Brooklyn Science and Engineering Academy's career day. The 6th, 7th and 8th graders were excited to learn about the myriad of job opportunities at DSNY.

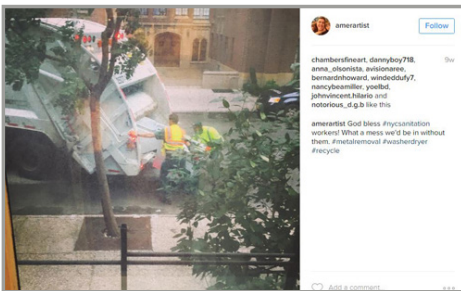


Sanitation Worker (and 2017 Calendar cover model!) **Steven Kuai** from Staten Island 2 spoke at his daughter's Girl Scout Daisy Troop, teaching the group about recycling and using resources wisely.

Take Care!

- Nationwide, slips, trips and falls are the majority of workplace accidents. Over the past five years at Sanitation, our employees have suffered more than 3,800 sprains and strains, 1,100 contusions and bruises, 165 fractures and more than 60 concussions. Protect yourself!
- Wear workboots with a good grip, strong soles and ankle support.
- Get in and out of your Sanitation vehicle the right way – with three-point contact and using grab-bars for support.
- Use designated walkways whenever possible at DSNY facilities.
- Learn more from OSHA or call the Health Care Facility at (212) 437-4457.

The Social Scene



Ira Gershenhorn
November 20 at 10:21am · New York · 🌐

Educational value of Twitter in which I learned of a NYC DSNY procedure. I tweeted about a Sanitation truck parked for days near my building. I jumped to the conclusion that there was goldbricking involved. See photo below.

At the end of it, I learned of the process of Short Dump Duty where a smaller sanitation vehicle unloads (leaves in this case) into a larger one. The lesson is that if you see something that is odd to you mention it on twitter and you may get an interes... See More

