Vision Zero / Distracted Driving

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Partners For A Safer New York City
• 350 Trucks
• 600 Dispatches per Day
• 4200 Dispatches per Week
• Operates 7 Days Per Week
• 800 Drivers
Partners in Safety
Vision Zero Safety Campaign

• Harsh Breaking Incidents – 5,373 To Less then 300 per wk
• Harsh Accelerating Incidents – 21,753 to Less then 981 per wk
• Speeding Over 7 MPH - 8,632 to Less then 2,021 per wk
• Total Incidents – 35,758 to Less then 3,501 per wk
NYC VISION ZERO
SAFETY ATTITUDE

Improve Driver Attitude
Cultivate Safer Driving Habits
Result in Accident Reduction
Improved Vehicle Maintenance
Improved Public Image
SAFETY CULTURE

Safety is Support from SMT
Safety is Personal
Safety is about your Family
Safety is about You
Safety is a daily Briefing
Safety is a Culture
Safety is your way of Life
Strengthen laws that punish drivers who carelessly harm pedestrians or bicyclists

New York State is one of a number of states that has created a special traffic violation that can be brought against dangerous drivers who, through carelessness, kill or seriously injure people on foot or riding bicycles. The Hayley and Diego law, named after two children who were killed in 2010 by a van driver in Chinatown, expanded the traffic violation of “failure to exercise due care” to provide additional enforcement tools against drivers who drive carelessly and injure pedestrians and bicyclists. Since its passage, the law has not been used as much as elected officials had hoped, partly because, for a traffic infraction, public policy generally requires police officers to be present to witness a crash in order to use the provisions of the law, unless they possess special expertise in crash investigation. The current law also fails to include highway workers as a category of protected street users.

City proposal: The City supports amendments to the Hayley and Diego law to make this violation a misdemeanor, increasing the penalties associated with carelessly harming a pedestrian or bicyclist. By making this a crime rather than a traffic infraction, the law would explicitly allow a police officer to issue a summons to a person who failed to exercise due care and seriously injured or killed a pedestrian or bicyclist, based upon probable cause, even if the officer was not present to witness the crash. The City would also support adding highway workers to the list of vulnerable road users protected under the law.
Commits to Support Vision Zero Action Plan City of New York Mayor Bill de Blasio

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