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OPERATION: SAFE CAB

TLC Assisting NYPD in Enhancing Driver Safety

The New York City Police Department (NYPD) has announced "Operation Safe Cab", a citywide effort to increase the number of livery car drivers enrolled in the NYPD's Taxi/Livery Robbery Inspection Program (TRIP). TRIP is a free program whereby taxi and livery drivers authorize Police Officers to inspect their car at any time in order to ensure the driver's safety. The program started in the early 1990's to address a rise in livery car robberies at the time and is available to all TLC-licensed taxicabs or livery cars operating in New York City. The TLC is pleased to be assisting the NYPD in these efforts and will soon be facilitating the sign-up of drivers at the TLC's Safety and Emissions facility in Woodside (24-55 BQE West, Woodside, New York, 11377), as well as doing ongoing outreach to its regulated industries to encourage participation.

IMPORTANT: Taxicab and livery drivers are encouraged to register by contacting their local precinct or, in the near future, the TLC's Safety & Emissions facility in Woodside (see address above).

NOTE: After registration, the special NYPD decals will be affixed to either the rear-passenger quarter window above where the small, round TLC decal is affixed, or a location on the larger main rear passenger window. These decals alert Police Officers on patrol that the vehicle is enrolled in TRIP and that the driver has authorized Police Officers to stop the car and check on the driver's well being.