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San Diego Ranked Among the Top 100 Best Fleets in the Americas

INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES CITY OF SAN DIEGO'S FLEET OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT FOR PERFORMANCE AND INNOVATION

SAN DIEGO – The National Association of Fleet Administrators (NAFA) has distinguished the City of San Diego's Fleet Operations Department as the [33rd best public fleet in North and South America](#). The ranking recognizes the City for increasing levels of performance improvement, operational effectiveness and innovation. Staff in the Fleet Operations Department manage and maintain more than 4,500 vehicles and motorized equipment as part of the City's fleet.

"This recognition reflects the City's unwavering commitment to implementing cost-effective and innovative solutions to managing its large vehicle fleet and use of alternative and renewable fuels," said Deputy Chief Operating Officer Alia Khouri.

Currently in its 21st year, NAFA's 100 Best Fleets program annually evaluates public fleets across both American continents through an application-based process that gauges accountability, use of technology and information and collaboration, among other metrics.

In 2020, the City was ranked as the 72nd Best Fleet for the management of its vehicles and motorized equipment. The improved ranking this year reflects the City's exemplary use of alternative and renewable fuels, idle-reduction measures, fuel economy improvements and emerging transportation technologies. Highlights include:

- Becoming the first municipality in the nation with a large fleet to use smoother-combusting renewable diesel on its 1,125 diesel-powered vehicles, significantly reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
- Assembling the largest fleet of hybrid pursuit-rated police vehicles in the Western United States.
- Replacing retired vehicles and equipment with more cost-effective and environmentally friendly solutions.
- Continuing the conversion of refuse and recycling collection trucks from diesel fuel to compressed natural gas (CNG) and constructing a new CNG fueling station.

- Running all Miramar Landfill diesel-powered off-road vehicles and equipment on eco-friendly red-dye renewable diesel, a low-carbon fuel derived from renewable resources that reduces GHG emissions by up to 80% compared to petroleum diesel.

These measures support the City's [Climate Action Plan](#), which calls for the City to cut half of all GHG emissions by 2035.

"This recognition affirms that the City's sustainability goals are on the right track and is a testament to all the hard work and dedication of our staff," said Fleet Operations Department Director Casey Smith. "We are committed to incorporating innovative technologies, advancements in alternative fuels, vehicles, equipment and operations to help reduce vehicle emissions, maintenance costs and conserve fuel."



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