



Hurricane Sandy Vehicles

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Hurricane Sandy Impacts on Salvage Vehicles

- According to NY DMV records, 155,000 vehicles that were registered and/or titled in New York State were totaled by the respective insurance companies and were sold as salvage. (This matches the records maintained by NICB).
- Over 100,000 vehicles that were registered and titled in NYS were transferred to a dismantler or scrap processor after the storm where flood damage was listed as a cause. All of these vehicles were issued a NYS Salvage Certificate.
- Municipalities in NYS towed or impounded over 5,000 vehicles that were abandoned, impeding traffic or were impeding cleanup efforts after Hurricane Sandy.
- Approximately 100,000 vehicles from NJ and 50,000 from CT were also salvaged.

Unexpected Issues

- Storing and processing vehicles
- Processing three times the normal volume of salvage vehicles we process in a year during a 6 month period.
- Maintaining processing times and timely updates to NMVTIS and data customers.



Queens, New York

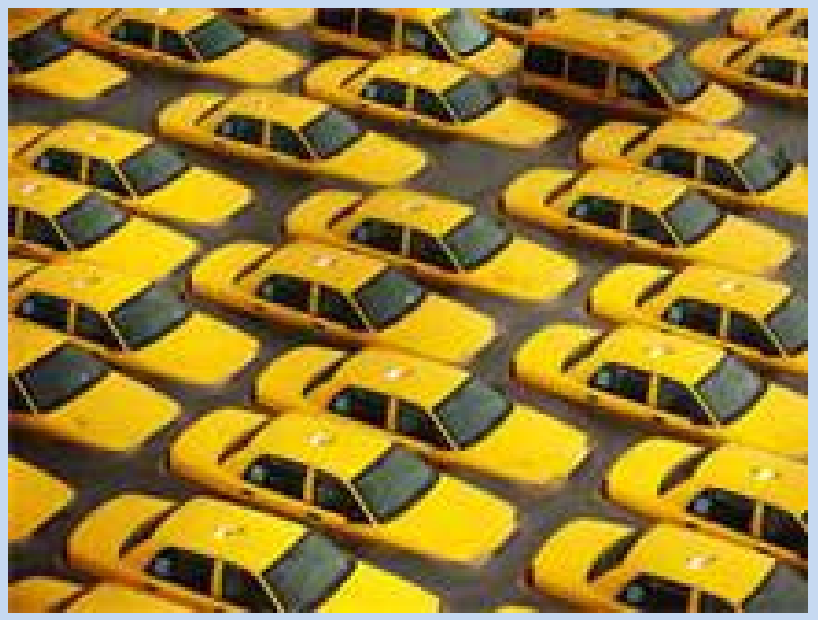




A vehicle parked
in the driveway in
Queens



New Car Depot
for NYC Taxi's



An underground garage flooded which resulted in some vehicles floating to the top.





**Calverton Airport
Used to store 15,000+
vehicles**



Solutions-Help from some Friends

Working in conjunction with AAMVA and US DOJ , NYS DMV secured a \$78,000 grant to utilize OT to process the “flood “ of salvage paperwork.

This allowed us to process all new salvage ownerships transfers within 10 days of receiving them, this would normally update the records for NMVTIS within 24 hours.

Once processed, a vehicle could not be re-titled or registered in NYS without a physical examination.

We utilized NMVTIS to screen and prevent undisclosed out of state salvage from coming into NY.

NICB

- Provided assistance to municipalities in disposing of impounded vehicles.
- Assisted in tracking vehicles and maintaining contact with insurance companies .
- Worked closely with our agency to insure we accounted for all vehicles salvaged in New York State.

NICB LINK ON DMV WEBPAGE

The screenshot shows the homepage of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The browser address bar displays "DMV.NY.GOV". The website header includes the New York State logo, the text "State Agencies", and a search bar for "all of NY gov". The main title is "DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES" with portraits of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and Commissioner Deborah A. Pataki.

The navigation menu includes: Online Services, MyDMV Sign-in, Forms, Español, Contact Us, DMV Offices, Find DMV Answers, and FAQs.

The "Important Alerts" section is highlighted with a red border and contains the following text:

Important Alerts
[Cancellations, Closings and Delays](#)
 DMV has extended its hours at several offices to better serve you!

Below the alert is a search bar with a "Search DMV" button.

Other sections on the page include:

- MyDMV**: Sign In, Sign Up Now.
- Features**:
 - Organ Donor: "Go the extra mile, be an ORGAN DONOR"
 - National Insurance Crime Bureau: "Check the National Insurance Crime Bureau database to see if the vehicle you are about to purchase is flood damaged."
 - VOTE!: "Register to vote, update party enrollment or change your address with the Board of Elections at MyDMV or any DMV Office!"
- Most Popular**:
 - Office/Test Locations, Hours
 - Road Test Locations
 - Forms
 - License, Permit, ID Card Information
 - Driver Manual and Quizzes
 - Vehicle Title/Registration
 - Get DMV Records
- Online Services**:
 - Change Address
 - Renew Registration
 - Replace Registration
 - Renew License or ID
 - Replace License or ID
 - Schedule a Road Test
 - Pay/Plead to TVB Tickets
 - Pay Driver Responsibility Assessment
- Information About...**:
 - Contacting DMV
 - Custom Plates
- Business/Consumer**:
 - Consumer Protection
 - DMV-Regulated Businesses
- GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO**:
 - Superstorm Sandy: New York's Road to Recovery
 - WHAT'S NEW:
 - June 4, 2013: Governor Cuomo Introduces Women's Equality Act Legislation
 - June 4, 2013: Governor Cuomo Publishes Op-Ed "Restoring New York..."
 - June 3, 2013: Governor's Cabinet Discusses Tax-Free NY Initiative...
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A batch of 20,000 salvage applications we received in a 48 hour period.





Questions?