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It's 'HRD Day' At the GWB

Human Resources Director **Mary Lee Hannell** and staff from all her department's divisions visited the George Washington Bridge on April 29 to provide facility staff with information regarding career opportunities, testing and training policies and procedures, and health benefits.

The Office of Medical Services offered blood pressure, diabetes, and cholesterol screening, and the GWB Safety Committee distributed safety-related material.

The event was well received, with more than 200 attendees.



HRD representatives at the GWB last month.



OMS' Dr. Martin Duke checks Port Authority Police Officer Raul Munoz's blood pressure.

'Neptune System' Passes Test at NJMT

The Elizabeth, Jersey City, Newark, and North Hudson Regional fire departments and the Union County Police joined New Jersey Marine Terminals staff at Port Newark on April 21 for a full-scale drill designed to test a high-capacity firefighting method, called the Neptune System, adaptable for water and foam.

The various departments' boats drafted from Berth 7 in the Newark Channel, and boosted pressure with a pumper engine to generate a steady stream of 7,500 gallons of water per minute.

"The Neptune System was purchased by the state in 2006 to give local departments the ability to deliver a large stream to a tank farm, warehouse, or marine fire," said NJMT Manager **Andrew Saporito**. "The drill replicated a large multi-agency, full-scale, waterside response to test the firefighters' operational effectiveness, communication, and coordination with us and local law enforcement. And it went very well."

He added that this was the second year that the Elizabeth Fire Department used the drill at



A pumper engine boosts pressure from the fire departments' boats to 7,500 gallons of water per minute from a normal capacity of 5,000 GPM. Its foam discharge rating is more than 8,000 GPM. It can shoot water up to 500 feet, and can also function as a flood-water removal system or emergency aboveground water distribution system.



Observing the exercise are (from left) Andy Saporito, Port Commerce Operations Supervisor Bob Harley, and Dave Hughes of the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety.

Port Newark as an opportunity to train recruit classes in marine response, logistics, and security awareness.

The drill was observed by the state Division of Fire Service and the U.S. Coast Guard's Sector New York Incident Management Team.

Achievements

'Educator of the Year'

Retiree **Tom Wakeman** was named the 2008 Educator of the Year by the New Jersey Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers at the organization's annual awards dinner on May 2. Mr. Wakeman is now Deputy Director of the Center for Maritime Systems at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken.



'Woman of Power'

OBJO Business Services and Utilization Manager **Ida Perich** was named one of the "Top 25 Women of Power Impacting Diversity" by DiversityPlus magazine.

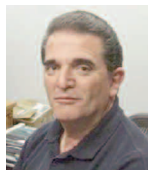


Michel Pierre

Ms. Perich was selected from nominations nationwide, and will be featured in the magazine's May/June issue.

Retirement News

After 33 years of PA service, and the last 26 of them with perfect attendance, NYMT's **Jerry Vicenti** is trading it all in for golfing, boating, and biking in the Sunshine State.



John Wagner

You can wish him farewell between 5:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18, at the Staaten, 697 Forest Avenue, Staten Island. See Employee Bulletins for details.

Employee Discounts

Mom's Day Savings

With the PA's Employee Discounts Program, you can save 60 percent or more on flowers, jewelry, restaurants, and other gifts for Mother's Day. Just go to www.workingadvantage.com.

If you're not already signed up, click on "Register Now" at the top of the home page and provide the PA's Member ID Number, 405042634. Retirees can sign up too.

Calendar

Open Enrollment

The Port Authority Police Pipes & Drums will host an Open Enrollment Night for PA/PATH employees at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, on the 7th floor of the Journal Square Transportation Center. Anyone interested in learning to play the bagpipes or drums is welcome.

Shomrim Meeting

The Port Authority Shomrim Society's new president, **Scot Pomerantz** of PAPD's JFK Command, will greet members at the next meeting, Monday, May 12, 6 p.m., at Broadway Jerusalem 2 Pizza, on Broadway between 37th and 38th streets in Manhattan.

For more information, send e-mail to president@panynjshomrim.org.



Scott Jablow

Scot Pomerantz

Walk for Cause

The Port Authority Network of Black Employees' Team NBE will participate in the AIDS Walk New York in Central Park on Sunday, May 18.

If you'd like to participate, contact **Earlyne Johnson** at 10-3793 or via e-mail.

Benefit Concert

The Todd Ouida Children's Foundation will present the Laurie Berkner Band at the Bergen Performing Arts Center on May 18.

Proceeds benefit the foundation and two other charitable programs. Todd Ouida, the son of retiree **Herb Ouida**, died on 9/11 at the WTC.

Tickets must be purchased at www.bergenpac.org. Please use password code mybuddytodd. For more information visit www.mybuddytodd.org.

More of that Jazz

The Dyad – **Joe Frame** on guitar and Mike Durek on upright bass – will perform tonight at 7 at Sesame Restaurant, 402 Bloomfield Avenue in Montclair.

Classes Forming

FDU will offer two new degree programs for PA employees in September, a master's degree in public administration and a bachelor's in individual studies. Classes will take place at a PA facility to be determined. Contact Professor William Roberts at roberts@fdu.edu or 201 692-7176.

PA Staffers Are Iraq-Bound

Management and staff at LaGuardia Airport and the Holland Tunnel held send-off ceremonies last month for **Kevin Gillen** and **Timothy Nascimento**, respectively, both of whom are members of the 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, a reserve unit of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Mr. Gillen is an Operations Services Supervisor at LGA, and Mr. Nascimento is a Security Guard at the tunnel. The deployment to Iraq is Mr. Nascimento's second, and Mr. Gillen's first. They will report for training this month, and are expected to begin their tours in Iraq in September.

"Tim has been an asset to the Holland Tunnel and this agency since joining the PA family in February of last year," said HT General Manager **Robert Eadicicco**. "He and employees like him are the bright future of this agency."

LGA General Manager **Warren Kroppel** said, "Kevin is new to the PA but his background tells you what kind of person he is: Lance Corporal in the Marine Corps Reserve, volunteer firefighter in his community, degree in Aviation Management. And he immediately made evident to us the fact that he's a disciplined hard worker."



Yolanda Marrero

Kevin Gillen.



Joe Pionelli

Timothy Nascimento (center, front) with co-workers at April 21 send-off ceremony.