

Staff Update

Jamie Loftus named Chief of Public and Government Affairs; formerly Communications Manager, General Electric.



Andrew Hawthorne named Director of Marketing; formerly Senior Manager of Service Operations - Client Services, Axiom Corporation.



Calendar

NBE MLK Breakfast

The officers and members of the Port Authority Network of Black Employees invite fellow employees and guests to their 24th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Friday, January 21, 8 to 10 a.m., at Club 101 in Manhattan.

See Employee Bulletins for more details.

Three Kings Cultural Celebration Postponed

The Port Authority Hispanic Society's Three Kings Cultural Celebration scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed because of the impending snowstorm. A new date will be set soon.

Master's Degree Program

Seton Hall University is offering PA employees a master's degree in Human Resources Training & Development at half the normal tuition.

The 24-month, 36-credit program is offered exclusively in learning teams. It is a "blended" program, largely online, with only one required on-campus weekend residency, beginning January 22-23.

For more information, contact Dr. **Dom Varricchio** at varricdo@shu.edu, or visit <http://www.shu.edu/academics/education/ma-human-resources-online/index.cfm>.

Who's That Walking the Cable on the George?

On the New Jersey tower of the George Washington Bridge on January 4 are NBC weatherman Al Roker (3rd from right), facility General Manager Robert Durando (right), and (from left) electricians Joe Wozniak and John O'Leary, Today Show producer Jennifer Long, Maintenance Planning Supervisor Hector Eugui, Electrical Unit Supervisor Thomas Burke, Mr. Roker's cameraman, Electrician Chris



Bonanno, and Physical Plant Manager Ken Sagrestano. They're celebrating Mr. Roker's successful change of a lightbulb atop the bridge, which he called a lifelong dream. To view the segment, visit <http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/26184891/vp/41074264#41074264>.

Jen Friedberg

PA Supervisor Is Back from Afghanistan

Carlos Berges, a Maintenance Group Supervisor in Operations Services' Central Automotive Division assigned to the Staten Island Bridges, returned last month from his yearlong tour in Afghanistan, where he served as a Construction Mechanic 1st Class in U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 21 (Seabees), headquartered in Lakehurst, NJ.

On Memorial Day, he arranged for the World Trade Center flag to fly over Kandahar Airfield, after which it was mailed back to Staten Island Bridges, where it was installed in the facility's Administration Building.



Gen McMahon

Achievements

GFOA Award

The Port Authority's 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting – the 26th consecutive year that the PA has been so honored.

The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. To qualify, a government entity's financial report must demonstrate compliance with generally accepted accounting principles, enhance an understanding of the information required by these principles for fair presentation of financial statements, and be efficiently organized while adhering to specific formatting standards.



Mike Dzurina

With the GFOA Award are Comptroller's staff members (from left) Wilson Pacheco, Kathy Tomko, Peter Bitwinski, Dan McCarron, Debbie Vrecenak, Tom D'Alessio, Phil Caffrey, and Mike Curci.

Traffic Club President

Port Commerce Outreach Manager **Lucy Ambrosino** was elected President of the Traffic Club of New York, effective March 1.

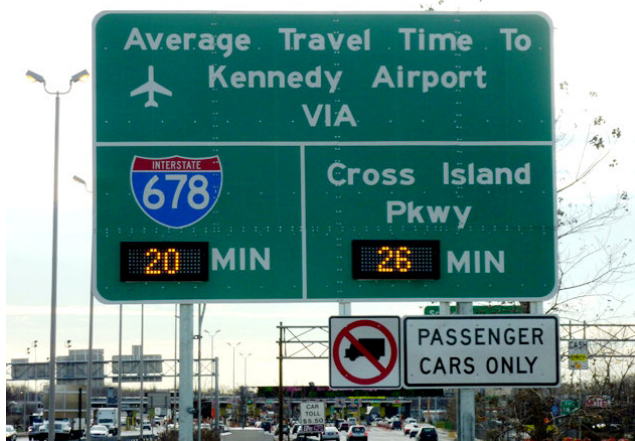
The Traffic Club is an international organization of logistics professionals in the maritime, intermodal, rail, and related fields.

Trading Post

Want to sell your left-handed electric guitar or your Beatles CD collection? Looking for a boat, a Netbook or a model train set? In the market for a hiker's GPS, a bike rack, or a bedroom set? Visit Trading Post on EmployeeNet.

'OK, We'll Take the Van Wyck'

You're southbound approaching the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge and heading for Kennedy International Airport – wouldn't you love to know how your two best roadway options are faring? As of late last month, you can, thanks to the efforts of the Port Authority (Aviation, Traffic Engineering, and Planning), the city and state transportation departments, MTA Bridges and Tunnels, and the city Economic Development Corporation.



Patty Ornst

Employee Profile: Charles Agro

Title: Manager, Logistics and Resources, Office of Emergency Management, since 9/11.

Residence: Howell, NJ.

Joined the PA: January 1985.

First job: "My first PA job was Environmental Specialist in the Environmental Management Division of Public Safety."

Duties: "You name it, I do it. Logistics Chief in the Emergency Operations Center; manage the Homeland Security Grant program – over \$330 million in grant funds since 2002; field incident command response; and oversight of the Multifacility Security Guard Contract"

Most challenging aspects: "Dealing with so many different departments and competing interests."



Roanne Bacchus

Personal interests: Growing tomatoes.

Thoughts about the job: "Mother PONYA – may her family always be together and prosper."

Shomrim Sets Sail

Port Authority Shomrim Society President Scot Pomerantz (left) and Shomrim members Marsha Hochstadt and Betty Astrizky (right) at the National Shomrim annual convention, which was held January 6 through 11 aboard the Carnival Destiny. PAPD Officer Leon Staley also joined in the fun. Ms. Astrizky is National Shomrim's Corresponding Secretary.



Marsha Hochstadt