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Staff Update

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named Program Director, Bayonne Bridge Navigational Clearance Program; formerly General Manager, Transportation and Revenue Programs, TB&T.



Retirement News

JoAnn Hilton's World Tour Kickoff begins at noon on Friday, February 18, with a retirement celebration in Conference Room 2, Gateway Center, 16th floor.

See Employee Bulletins on EmployeeNet for details.

Calendar

Shomrim Meeting

The Port Authority Shomrim Society will hold a general membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, at LaGuardia Airport's Police Building. All members, past presidents, and employees interested in joining the Shomrim Society are invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served. RSVP to Shomrim President **Scot Pomerantz** at president@panynjshomrim.org or Shomrim Secretary **Betty Astrizky** at bastrizk@panynj.gov.

Discount Program



Get ready for Valentine's Day – all you have to do is click. Visit workingadvantage.com, the PA's Employee Discount Program partner, and click on Flowers & Gifts. If you haven't signed up yet, use the PA's member ID number, 405042634. Retirees can use it too.

PA Elects New Chairman

The Port Authority Board of Commissioners this morning elected **David Samson** as Chairman of the agency. Mr. Samson was appointed to the Board by New Jersey Governor Chris Christie and confirmed by the State Senate on January 25.

Mr. Samson is a former New Jersey Attorney General and a founding member of the law firm Wolff & Samson. His 40-year career in private practice includes extensive experience in complex business and corporate litigation, administrative proceedings, and governmental and regulatory affairs.

"It is an honor and a privilege to lead this distinguished agency as it takes on some of the most transformative transportation projects in its 90-year history," Chairman Samson said. "During the upcoming years, our mission is clear. We will continue to address the region's major trans-



Mike Dombrowski

Chairman David Samson (right) presides at this morning's Board meeting. To his right is former Chairman Anthony R. Coscia, who said, "I want to thank my fellow commissioners and Port Authority staff for their friendship and support over the past eight years. We've achieved a lot together ... I'm confident that the agency will build on these achievements under the leadership of David Samson and I wish him every success in the years ahead."

portation needs, including Bayonne Bridge modernization, and to drive economic competitiveness and job creation in the port region with a commitment to fiscal responsibility."

His complete bio can be viewed at <http://www.panynj.gov/corporate-information/board-commissioners.html>.

PAPD Promotes Three to Deputy Chief

Three senior Port Authority Police commanders – **Anthony Fitzgerald, Benjamin Smith, and Keith Walcott** – were promoted to Deputy Chief at a ceremony last week at police headquarters.

Deputy Chief Fitzgerald will lead Criminal Investigations/Counterterrorism and Joint Terrorism Task Force; Deputy Chief Smith will command the Eastern/Southern Zone; and Deputy Chief Walcott will head the Northern/Western Zone.



Nancy Farrell

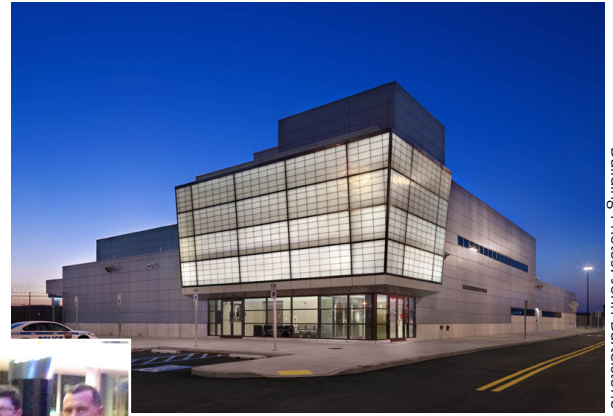
From left, Anthony Fitzgerald, Keith Walcott, and Benjamin Smith at the ceremony January 25 at PATC.

New LGA Police Building Recognized for Excellence

LaGuardia Airport's new Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting facility won the Queens Chamber of Commerce's Building Hall of Fame Award on January 20 at Queens Theatre in the Park.

The award honors "excellence in design and construction of buildings contributing to the betterment of the community."

It was accepted on behalf of the Port Authority by Engineer of Construction **Wally Caban**.



Building Photos: John Bartelstone



PA staff members at the awards ceremony are (from left) Daniel Sugrue, Wally Caban, Alfred Daini, Audrey Dagnachew, Donald Fram, Michael Moran, and Thomas Bosco.

Name that Process

The Tenant Alteration Process, which tenants follow to build or modify a facility, is being rewritten in order to raise tenant satisfaction and process compliance.

The Port Authority is seeking to rename the process to highlight the importance to the agency of tenants' investments and the significance of facility improvements to the region.

Send suggestions to **Nancy Johnson** at njohnson@panynj.gov or 212 435-8045.

It's All About You

PA News is primarily about the agency's employees and retirees. If you want to submit something to be published, think "PA names and faces."

On Outlook, send it to panews. From outside the agency, it's panews@panynj.gov.

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Wearing Two Hats: Engineer and Judge

At the Future City Competition at New York University's Polytechnic Institute in Brooklyn on January 22 are (from left) Jami Bjornstad, Yves Veve, Jason Del Nero, Raul Garcia, and Rumana Haque. The Port Authority engineers volunteered to serve as judges at the competition, a featured event of National Engineers Week that seeks to promote technological literacy and engineering to middle school students. In the competition, the students envision, design, and build models of a future city.



Reaching Out for Safety's Sake

Conducting safety and security awareness outreach at PATH's Grove Street Station last week are Port Authority Police Sergeant Mark Ciganek and Police Officers Anthony Meyer and Jung Yoo. Marketing staff joined PA Police in handing out Security Awareness brochures and safety tips to commuters as part of the agency's ongoing safety and security campaign, "Stay Alert. Be Aware. Speak Up." At left is PATH Information Agent Abel Moran.



Connie Nardella