Port Authority Creates ExpressRail Incentive Program

The Port Authority Board of Commissioners this afternoon authorized an incentive program to encourage shippers using the Port of New York and New Jersey to transport cargo by rail.

The new program will provide an incentive of $25 per container shipped by rail to any ocean carrier that increases the number of containers it transports over its 2008 levels. The agency projects that the program will increase rail cargo business by two to four percent annually.

Chairman Anthony R. Coscia said, “Our $600 million investment in port rail facilities in Newark, Elizabeth, and Staten Island is a critical factor in our port’s premier status on the East Coast. This program will help ensure that it remains a leading source of jobs and economic activity in our region.”

Executive Director Chris Ward said the agency’s ExpressRail facilities transported 377,827 containers last year, an increase of nearly 6 percent over 2007. He added that the PA investment in on-dock rail ultimately will allow it to accommodate 1.5 million containers annually.

On the March for Special Olympics

At the Inaugural Parade on Tuesday in Washington, DC, are Port Authority Police Deputy Chief Robert Belfiore and Detective Larry Mays. They marched as part of a contingent of 15 Special Olympics athletes, their parents, and 30 law enforcement officers who will participate in the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games. Deputy Chief Belfiore is Director, New Jersey Law Enforcement, Special Olympics. Detective Mays will run in the final leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, leading up to the games in Idaho next month.
JFK Transportation Services Supervisor Peter Carbonaro (right) and Penauille Servisair General Manager Vincent DeLucia (left) deliver a 1991 New Flyer bus last month to the Hudson Valley Materials Exchange in New Paltz, NY, and its Executive Director Jillian Gruber (center). The nonprofit recycling awareness organization will use it as a mobile classroom to educate area schoolchildren about recycling, and also to transport recycled materials. The Port Authority donated the bus as part of its commitment to environmental sustainability in the bistate region. Penauille Servisair operates the on-airport bus service at JFK. New Paltz is about 10 miles north of Stewart International Airport.