

The Pillars Continue to Exemplify Employee Excellence



Each September, we pause and gather together to remember the friends we have lost — and recognize the agency we have become, as exemplified through some of our most inspiring colleagues.

Last week, 11 employees representing departments and operations across the agency were presented with the Pillars of the Port Authority Awards, which were created in 2016 as a way for staff to recognize their peers for upholding and embodying the values of our fallen friends — strength and resilience, commitment to public service, and industry expertise. [A video recording is available](#) of the complete Remembrance Through Renewal Commemoration Event and Pillars Award Ceremony.



Dr. Elizabeth Hillman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the 9/11 Memorial & Museum

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PA Family Pays Tribute to Fallen Friends

Members of the Port Authority family came together to honor and pay tribute to friends and colleagues lost 22 years ago, once again renewing our sacred commitment to *never forget*.

As is Port Authority tradition, on Monday, September 11, the sounds of the Port Authority Police Department Pipes & Drums Band reverberated throughout St. Peter's Church. And the PA family came together to reflect, to pray, and to honor the loving memory of those we lost 22 years ago.

The annual [Port Authority 9/11 Interfaith Service](#) was an opportunity to remember fallen colleagues and pay tribute not only to their memory, but to the courage and selflessness they showed that day. Agency leadership, employees, retirees, clergy, and elected officials all joined together to honor the memory of those lost on September



PAPD Pipes & Drums performing during the service

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Always in Our Hearts

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Joseph Amatuccio, Christopher C. Amoroso, Jean A. Andrucki, Richard A. Aronow, Ezra Aviles, Arlene T. Babakitis, James W. Barbella, Maurice V. Barry, Margaret L. Benson, Daniel D. Bergstein, Edward Calderon, Liam Callahan, Robert D. Cirri, Carlos DaCosta, Dwight D. Darcy, Niurka Davila, Clinton Davis, Frank A. De Martini, William F. Fallon, Stephen J. Fiorelli, John Fisher, Donald A. Foreman, Gregg J. Froehner, Barry H. Glick, Rosa Gonzalez, Thomas E. Gorman, Joseph F. Grillo, Ken G. Grouzalis, Patrick A. Hoey, Uhuru G. Houston, George G. Howard, Stephen Huczko, Anthony P. Infante Jr., Prem N. Jerath, Mary S. Jones, Paul W. Jurgens, Deborah H. Kaplan, Douglas G. Karpiloff, Robert M. Kaulfers, Edward T. Keane, Frank Lalama, Paul Laszczynski, David P. Lemagne, John J. Lennon, John D. Levi, Neil D. Levin, Margaret S. Lewis, James F. Lynch, Robert H. Lynch, Myrna Maldonado, Kathy Mazza, Donald J. McIntyre, Walter A. McNeil, Deborah A. Merrick, Susan Miszkowicz, Fred V. Morrone, Nancy Muniz, Joseph M. Navas, Pete Negron, James Nelson, Alfonso J. Niedermeyer, David Ortiz, Pablo Ortiz, James W. Parham, Nancy E. Perez, Dominick A. Pezzulo, Eugene J. Raggio, Judith Reese, Bruce A. Reynolds, Francis S. Riccardelli, Antonio J. Rodrigues, Richard Rodriguez, James A. Romito, Kalyan K. Sarkar, Anthony Savas, John P. Skala, Edward T. Strauss, Walwyn W. Stuart, Kenneth F. Tietjen, Lisa L. Trerotola, Nathaniel Webb, Simon Weiser, Michael T. Wholey, Louie A. Williams.

FEBRUARY 26, 1993

Robert Kirkpatrick, Stephen Knapp, William Macko, Monica Rodriguez Smith and her unborn child.

In addition to our fallen PAPD heroes, we remember the countless partners in the first response, cleanup, and recovery efforts who have sacrificed their health, and even their lives.

RETIREMENT

After 47 years of dedicated public service with the agency, **Jim Keane**, General Manager of Operations Safety in the Chief Health & Safety Office, is saying goodbye



to longtime friends and colleagues. Join together to celebrate the next chapter on October 26 at 6 p.m., at The Graycliff, 122 Moonachie Ave., Moonachie, NJ. \$85 pp includes dinner, drinks, and dessert. RSVP by October 6 to **Jessica Ramos** (201-216-2840) or **Andrea Tirri** (201-216-2941).

TRADING POST

Did you know that you can use the [Trading Post](#) to request an item you're looking for? Work with your fellow PA employees to get any supplies you may need. Get started [here](#).



PAHS Hosts School Supply Drive for Rahway Students

This summer, the Port Authority Hispanic Society (PAHS) led an effort among fellow EBRGs as well as PA staff to collect school supplies to benefit local community youth.

This initiative culminated on Sunday, August 24, with an end-of-summer celebration featuring a family picnic and a school supplies giveaway. PAHS members and hundreds of community residents came together at the Family Center in Rahway, NJ for a day of great fun, food, and entertainment. More than 200 youngsters came away with critical supplies for the upcoming school year.

"Donations will go to children in Rahway and surrounding Union County communities who could not otherwise afford them," **Eduardo Jose**, PAHS Treasurer and Contract Administrator, Procurement, [told PA News in July](#). "This initiative will boost education interest and show the children in the Port District that we care enough to invest in their education."



TCAP Team Lands at EWR Terminal A

As part of their ongoing effort to improve the agency's Tenant Construction and Alteration Process (TCAP), members of the TCAP community met on August 29 at Newark Liberty International Airport's (EWR) new Terminal A to discuss 2023 updates and ongoing process improvement initiatives. Representatives from the Quality Assurance Division and Engineering Architectural Design Division; Tenant Coordinators and Resident Engineers from our facilities; the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Aviation Affirmative Action Office; Risk Finance from the Treasury Department; Agency Safety Management; Aviation Planning; Security Operations and Programs Department; and Office of Sustainability attended. Over 80 TCAP community members also participated.

Edelana Van Marter, Deputy General Manager of New Jersey Airports and **Nicholas Simeonidis**, Physical Plant Manager for EWR welcomed the team to the new Terminal A. **Amanda Rogers**, Deputy Chief Engineer and **James Heitmann**, Chief Operating Officer,



Members of the TCAP community

kicked off the meeting, recognizing the outstanding job done so far but also emphasizing the importance of perseverance and collaboration to achieve even greater milestones in the future.

Kate Lawrence-Shetty, Net Zero Lead, shared how the PA is moving forward to achieve its ambitious sustainability goals in the coming years. **Rufino Martinez**, Principal Architect of the Quality Assurance Division, shared performance data and led a discussion on how to continue improving. And **Anthony Miller**, Compliance Program Manager with the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, together with **Paola Camargo**, Coordinator with the Aviation Affirmative

Action Office presented the new B2G reporting system for the TCAP process.

Guest Speaker Steve Lewent from Graf & Lewent Architects, who has worked as an Architect of Record since the early 1990s on tenant construction projects at JFK, LGA, and EWR, shared his feedback on TCAP, highlighting that the overall experience is good and that the PA is getting high marks for communication and collaboration.

The push to improve the TCAP process will inject a greater sense and pride in the excellence of customer service. If you are interested in learning more about the TCAP process, please email TCAP@panynj.gov.

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In recognition of their commitment to the foundational values of the Port Authority, embodied by those we lost on September 11, 2001, and February 26, 1993, please join together to recognize the 11 recipients of the **2022 Pillars of the Port Authority Awards**.

The 2023 Pillars of the Port Authority

Civic and Community Engagement

Hilary McCarron

Manager, Business Planning, Port Department

Commitment to Public Service

Toni Gordon

Manager, TB&T Security, Office of the Chief Security Officer

Brian Rohlf

Manager, International Arrivals, Newark Liberty International Airport

Diversity and Inclusion

Pamela Mendoza

Program Manager, Non-Tech, Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion

Katelyn Valencia

Manager, Security Policy & Planning, Office of the Chief Security Officer

Annesa Lau

Director, Operation Services Department

Ethics and Integrity

Shevone Smith-Jones

Senior Business Manager, Office of the Secretary

Joseph Monte

Manager, Policy Development & Oversight, Human Resources Department

Emily Jannazzo

Principal Business Manager, Port Department

Industry Expertise

Damien Doherty

General Maintenance Supervisor, Tunnels, Bridges & Terminals

Strength and Resilience

Linda Baker

Supervising Communications Agent, PATH

More than 70 nominations were received, representing employees of all tenures and backgrounds.

Chairman **Kevin O'Toole** and Executive Director **Rick Cotton** provided

remarks to open the program. Dr. Elizabeth Hillman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, was the keynote speaker.

A recording of the event is available on the [PA YouTube page](#).

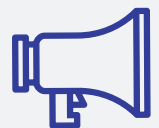
WORKING ADVANTAGE DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Port Authority employees and retirees can take advantage of hundreds of discounts at stores, theaters, theme parks, and more through Working Advantage, the PA's Employee Discount Program partner. Visit www.workingadvantage.com and use the PA Member ID number, 405042634.



GOT NEWS FOR NEXT TIME?

Do you have news from your team, department or employee group to share in the next PA News? Send it to panews@panynj.gov by September 22 to be included in the September 29 issue.



STAFF NEWS

Danielle Outlaw will join the agency as First Deputy Chief Security Officer (DCSO) effective September 25. In this role, Danielle will build upon the efforts and accomplishments of the Chief Security Office under the leadership of Chief Security Officer **Greg Ehrie**.

Danielle has served over 20 years in law enforcement. She began her career in 1999 as a police officer in the Oakland, California Police Department, becoming Deputy Chief of Police there in 2015. She later joined the Portland, Oregon Police Bureau in 2017 as Chief of Police. In 2020, Danielle assumed the role of Police Commissioner of the Philadelphia Police Department, the fourth largest police department in the country.

Danielle is active in several law enforcement organizations including the Major Cities Chiefs' Association, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the Police Executive Research Forum, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police Human and Civil Rights Committee.

Michael Harpster has joined the agency as Security Operations Director. In this role, Mike will oversee all facility security operations as well as manage the contract security guard force supporting these programs.

Mike began his career in 1986 as a police officer in the Metro Boston area. In 1997, he joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) where his career spanned 23 years. Michael has served as the Special Agent in Charge of the Criminal Division at the FBI's New York

Office, as well as Special Agent in Charge at the FBI's Philadelphia Field Office. Most recently, Mike served as the Head of Global Security and Fraud for the Vanguard Financial Group.

Michael holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a Master of Public Administration from Northeastern University and is a recipient of its Presidential Rank Award given by the President of the United States for exceptional service.

Additionally, the agency has created the Security Technology and Programs Office led by **Jack Niedermeyer**. He will focus on further enhancing the agency's security technology capabilities, develop an insider risk program and oversee all capital security projects.

The Agency Comes Together to Honor Fallen Colleagues

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11, 2001 and on February 26, 1993. If you missed the livestream or would like to rewatch the service, you can [view a recording here](#).

In addition, on the morning of September 7, the Port Authority family gathered in heartfelt remembrance at the 9/11 Memorial, laying yellow roses on the names of those lost on September 11 and in the February 1993 WTC bombing. The Rose Service tradition began in 2021 as part of the 20th anniversary commemoration and has continued as a means for all agency employees to pay their respects to those we lost.

Learn more about the individuals we lost and about the resilience of the agency's people through the [Remembrance page on panynj.gov](#). You also still have time to give back to the region through a [Month of Service volunteer event](#).



PARA WANTS YOU

The Port Authority Retirees Association (PARA) invites active and retired Port Authority and PATH employees to join its almost 4,000 members.

PARA allows you to stay current with news about the agency, its employees and retirees, and with state and federal issues of importance to retirees, such as benefit, pension, and Social Security updates.

The membership fee is \$20 a year. Visit www.paranynj.org for more information and to sign up for PARA's email bulletins.

PAPD Bi-State Coalition Hosts Back-to-School Bookbag Giveaway

For the back-to-school season, the Port Authority Police Department Bi-State Coalition welcomed families and volunteers for a community bookbag giveaway. Taking place on September 2 at Riverside Church in Harlem, the eighth annual giveaway supported local students as they started the new school year.

The coalition distributed more than 150 bookbags filled with notebooks, pencils, pens, folders, and other essential school items.

Access to school supplies can make a significant difference in a child's ability to succeed in school, and this event was the coalition's way of addressing this need. Families left with smiles on their faces and bookbags filled with the tools they need for a successful school year.

The Bi-State Coalition greatly appreciates the generosity and dedication of the volunteers, including community leader Alicia Barksdale, and the Riverside Hawks. They look forward to continuing their fundraising efforts in the future and another successful giveaway next year.



Lieutenant Atiba Joseph-Cumberbatch, Sergeant Stephen Green and Sergeant Monique Turner, Officer Kyle Parris and Officer Kevin Deslandes pose for a picture



Sergeant Stephen Green and Sergeant Monique Turner handing out bookbags

CALENDAR

PA-AAA: Mid-Autumn Festival

Wednesday, September 20 at noon. 4 WTC, 17th floor Conference Rooms A and B. The Port Authority Asian American Association (PA-AAA) will host a Mid-Autumn Festival celebration event. Members will receive an invitation, non-members can RSVP at PAAAA@panynj.gov.

PAHS: De Todo Un Poco (A little bit of everything)

NEW DATE *Thursday, September 28 from 5 to 8 p.m. VFW Post 1302, 300 Belgrove Dr., Kearny, NJ. The Port Authority Hispanic Society (PAHS) will host a scholarship fundraiser game night to mark Hispanic Heritage Month. In an unforgettable celebration of*

cultural diversity, this will be a mixer and cultural exploration of flavors, rhythms, and traditions, including music, dance demonstration, and cuisines. Pre-purchase tickets at \$40; or \$50 at the door. All proceeds will benefit the PAHS Scholarship Fund. PAHS members will receive an invitation. Non-members can register by emailing PAHS@panynj.gov.

PA Bowling League

*Starting in September. Either on Mondays or Tuesdays, at 6 p.m., Hudson Lanes, 1 Garfield Ave., Jersey City. Bowling, anyone? For the first time in nearly four years, the PA Bowling League will be back in action each week. Play starts on the week of September 12 and will run over a 30-week season with four-person teams. Friends and family are welcome! For more information, contact **Kathleen O'Connor** at kmoconnor@panynj.gov.*