

PAPD Welcomes 122nd Class

The Port Authority Police Department recently welcomed 109 new cadets to its force as part of its 122nd graduating class.

In a January 5 graduation ceremony at St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen, NJ, the newest members of the PAPD were officially sworn in as part of the agency's continued focus to reinforce its security priorities.

"The safety and security of travelers using our facilities and of our employees is our top priority, so it is vitally important that we have the best of the best serving the public on our police force," said Executive Director **Rick Cotton**. "We appreciate the intense effort and commitment required to graduate from the Port Authority Police Academy and we congratulate these 109 cadets who are joining the PAPD."

The PAPD Academy is one of the most rigorous police academies in the country, requiring 26 weeks of training and study in New York and New Jersey laws, alongside comprehensive instruction in police procedures, firearms usage, first aid, and

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EWR New Terminal A Marks First Anniversary

Last week marked the latest milestone in a series of extraordinary achievements at the PA's three major airports, all being transformed into world-class, 21st century aviation hubs. One year ago, flights began operating from the stunning new Terminal A at Newark Liberty International Airport. And last week, Terminal A served its 15 millionth passenger in its first year since opening.

The new Terminal A represents the largest single investment in New Jersey in the agency's 102-year history and is also the largest design-build project in state history.

And the new Terminal A is not only a record setter when it comes to number of passengers handled, the new Terminal A has been [universally praised](#) for its design and

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Midtown Bus Terminal Spreads Awareness for Human Trafficking Prevention

This month, the Youth Services Unit (YSU) from the Office of the Chief Security Officer will be on hand at the Midtown Bus Terminal in recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

For [#WearBlueDay](#), members of the YSU greeted travelers on Thursday, January 11, sharing information and resources

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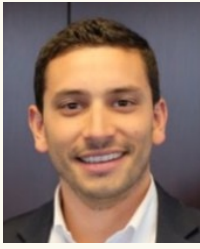


Jacquelyn Wells, Lt. Jason Bailey, PO Imani Brown, PO Aleksandra Warchol

STAFF NEWS

Zach McCue

has joined the agency as Chief, Intergovernmental Affairs and **Hersh Parekh** is now Deputy Chief, Intergovernmental Affairs.



Zach McCue

In his new role, Zach will serve as a liaison with federal, state, and local officials and agencies, with a primary focus on New Jersey. Zach joins the agency from the Office of US. Senator Cory



Hersh Parekh

Booker, where he held progressively responsible roles over the last 10 years, most recently serving as Deputy State Director and Senior Advisor to Senator Booker.

Over the course of his career in Senator Booker's office, Zach managed a congressional staff responsible for implementing Senator Booker's legislative agenda. Zach began his career working for the late U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey. Zach holds a BA in Political Science from Penn State University. Originally from Monmouth County, Zach lives in Cranford, New Jersey with his wife and two children.

In his new role, Hersh will also serve as a liaison with federal, state, and local officials, with a primary focus on New York.

As Director, GOCOR-NY, Hersh provided political and community guidance to executive leadership, each of the line departments, and facility leadership. Hersh provided strategic support for some of the agency's recent and current major capital projects in New York, including A Whole New LGA, A New JFK, a new Midtown Bus Terminal, and more. He also worked closely with colleagues across the agency, including the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, to ensure contracting opportunities exist and are accessible for Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBES) and Locally-Based Enterprises (LBEs). Hersh is also a licensed attorney admitted to the bar in New York and New Jersey.

IN MEMORIAM

Jordan A. Miller

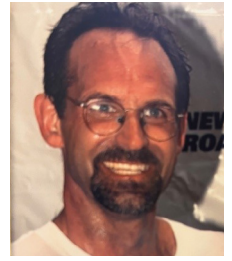
His friends at the Port Authority were saddened to learn of the passing of **Jordan A. Miller** on January 10. Jordan was a 12-year member of the agency family, serving on the front lines of customer service.

Jordan joined the Port Authority on October 11, 2011, as a member of the Tunnels, Bridges & Terminals Department, taking on the role of Red Cap at the Midtown Bus Terminal. The Red Caps are among the critical, longstanding customer-facing roles in TB&T – responsible for assisting patrons as they arrive at and depart from the terminal. Red Caps are one of the first points of contact for the countless people who travel through the Midtown Bus Terminal.

Jordan was admired by his TB&T/PABT colleagues who knew him to be a “Man of Routine” who was very dedicated to his job. He was also an avid runner, having completed the New York City Marathon for 13 consecutive years.

The TB&T/PABT team will miss Jordan very much. Our thoughts are with them and Jordan's family including his partner, Julie Shrey, and his son, Jack Miller.

Please continue to keep Jordan and his family, friends, and colleagues in your thoughts and hearts during this difficult time.



Jordan A. Miller

Gregory J. Urban

His friends at the Port Authority were saddened to learn of the passing of **Gregory J. Urban**, a 34-year PA veteran who dedicated his life to public service in more ways than one.

Greg joined the agency on December 4, 1989, as an Assistant Environmental Engineer in the Engineering Department. Greg dedicated his whole agency career to the Engineering Department. He supported cleanup and recovery efforts following the February 26, 1993 World Trade Center bombing and September 11, 2001 WTC terrorist attacks. Greg also worked on the Bayonne Bridge Navigational Clearance Project (“Raise the Roadway”) and the demolition of the original Goethals Bridge. He most recently served in the Construction Management Division's Environmental Field Operations Group, assigned as Facility Supervisor for Tunnels, Bridges & Terminals. In addition to his Port Authority responsibilities, Greg was a member of the Roselle Park Fire Department for 30 years.

Greg is survived by his children Alison and Ryan, his brothers Lawrence and Jonathan, his sister Catherine, and his dog Marley.

In lieu of flowers, Greg's family asks that donations be made to the Roselle Park Fire Department.

We ask that you please keep Greg and his family, friends, and colleagues in your thoughts and hearts during this difficult time.



Greg J. Urban

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counterterrorism techniques. More than 41 percent of the new recruits are joining the agency with prior experience in law enforcement and 11 percent have military experience.

The full graduation ceremony is available on the [PA YouTube page](#).



The Sky's the Limit for Three Women Leading JFK Redevelopment

Originally published in [Now Arriving](#), written by Media Relations' Stella Pagkas.

"It's not uncommon to be the only woman in a room."

It's a phenomenon **Jessica Forse** noticed time and again. In most aviation occupations, women make up less than 20 percent of the workforce. At John F. Kennedy International Airport, however, a different picture is emerging.

Forse, the project executive for the Port Authority's \$19 billion redevelopment of JFK, works alongside **Gina Bigler**, the director of construction at JFK, and **Teresa Rizzuto**, the airport's general manager. Together, they embody an unprecedented moment in aviation history: the biggest aviation redevelopment program in the nation, led by three female executives.

The massive project includes the construction of two new terminals, the expansion and modernization of existing terminals, redesigned ground transportation and roadways, and the establishment of new retail and dining locations and new art installations in the terminals.

Forse, who works for a consulting firm that works with the Port Authority, said that she was always interested in infrastructure and transportation. After working on the World Trade Center for years, she said she was excited to refocus her career on aviation.

"We take this experience of travel and flying which can be stressful for people and we're trying to create something that makes it not stressful, but joyful for them," Forse said. "It just impacts so many people and that's what I love."

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Teresa Rizzuto, Jessica Forse, and Gina Bigler lead the redevelopment of JFK

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for how everyone can do their part to fight human trafficking. The YSU will also be on hand later this month on January 31 from 3 to 5 p.m.

The YSU, which includes PAPD officers and counselors, works every day to combat child human trafficking in our region. The unit also provides crisis intervention, counseling, and family mediation.



Lt. Jason Bailey

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amenities. Additionally, the customer experience inside Terminal A is [enhanced by a public art program](#) featuring dozens of local artists and digital wayfinding with New Jersey-themed fun facts.

Highlights from the first anniversary celebration at EWR are available on the [PA YouTube page](#).

CALENDAR

PAWC: New Year, New Me

Thursday, January 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. *Virtual*. The Port Authority Women's Council (PAWC) will host its annual *New Year, New Me* virtual event in partnership with EBRGs at other organizations, including Dewberry, Fiserv, and PNC. The event will include a presentation titled *Owning Your Own Authority* with a panel of leaders from all four organizations. PAWC members will receive an invite. Non-members can [register here](#).

PAHS: Three Kings Fundraiser Celebration

Thursday, January 25 from 5 to 8 p.m. at *Don Pepe Restaurant, 844 McCarter Hwy., Newark, NJ*. The Port Authority Hispanic Society (PAHS) will host a fun-filled, in-person Three Kings fundraiser to commemorate a traditional Latin holiday celebrated at the end of the 12 days of Christmas. PAHS Members will receive a calendar invite. Non-members can RSVP to PAHS@panynj.gov. **Space is limited to the first 90 registrants.**

RETIREMENT

Janet Cox,

Chief of Staff in the Office of the Executive Director, is retiring after decades of service at the Port Authority.



Join together in celebrating Janet's career and wishing her a happy retirement on Thursday, January 25, from 3 to 5 p.m. at 4 WTC, 23rd Floor Ante Room. See the [retirement flyer](#).

GOT NEWS FOR NEXT TIME?

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