

New PAPD Class Builds on Legacy of Service



On January 27, the Port Authority Police Department welcomed a new recruit class of PAPD officers, the first academy class to graduate since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. These new highly qualified PAPD officers have successfully passed one of the most rigorous training police academies in the U.S.

This newest class reflects the Port Authority's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. The officers come from various backgrounds and cultures, reflecting the public and communities the PAPD serves. The class of 129 recruits is also the most diverse, with more than half — 57 percent — self-identifying as Hispanic, African American, or Asian American. This class also is the first to receive dedicated LGBTQ sensitivity training.

Chief **Gloria Frank** was also recognized at the ceremony for her recent promotion, making her the first female three-star chief in PAPD's history.

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PATH's Greg Gadomski on the 'Fast Track' to Railroad Success

Few PATH leaders are as adept at fulfilling the Port Authority's mission to keep the region moving as **Greg Gadomski**, PATH Superintendent of Power, Signals and Communication (PSC). Now, those efforts have earned him recognition as an industry rising star from one of the country's top railroad publications.

Greg is a recipient of Railway Age's "Fast Trackers" award for 2023, one of only 25 railroad industry leaders under the age of 40 in North America [chosen for inclusion](#). The magazine's criteria for selection were leadership and management skill, industry experience and accomplishments, and commitment to community service. Greg checked all the boxes.

"While it's an honor personally to be recognized, it's a greater reflection of the dedication and performance of the entire PATH team on behalf of our customers, day in and day out," he said. "I'm proud to be a part of such an exceptional team."

As the leader of one of PATH's busiest divisions, Greg oversees nearly 200 employees handling operational and staffing needs in the power, electrical, signals and communications areas, field and technical engineering, and PATH's more than



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Capturing the Breathtaking Beauty of EWR

As the Assistant Manager of Airside Operations at Newark Liberty International Airport, **Stephen Lanieri** gets an up close look every day at the happenings at the facility that few others get to experience for themselves. And that's one of the reasons why he developed his passion for photography.

"I've held airfield operations jobs that led me to be on the airfield to experience many sunrises and sunsets, where I quickly began to appreciate the beauty that an airport open landscape provides," Stephen



Sunset over the tarmac at EWR

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“The Port Authority’s ongoing commitment to inclusion and diversity is reflected in our newest officers, who come from various backgrounds and cultures that will help us forge deeper, more meaningful connections with the communities that our facilities serve,” said Executive Director **Rick Cotton**.

The new class also honors the legacy of those officers who served with the PAPD before them. Six legacy recruits graduated, including

Anthony

Cortazzo, who is the son of K-9 Officer

John Cortazzo, the first PAPD officer to die from September 11-related illness following his work in the recovery after the terrorist attacks. The PAPD has named its top canine training award in honor of Officer John Cortazzo. Read more about the Cortazzo family on [Now Arriving](#).



John Cortazzo on duty in the 1990s



Anthony proudly wears his father's badge numbers at the 9/11 memorial pools

CALENDAR

PAWC Power Hour: Women of TCAP

Monday, February 13 from noon to 1 p.m. Join the PA Women’s Council for Power Hour: Women of TCAP. PAWC will highlight some of the women leaders involved with the Tenant Construction Alteration Process (TCAP). All PAWC members will receive an invite. For non-members to RSVP, register [here](#).

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told PA News. “I started capturing these moments to share with friends and family who don’t have the opportunity to experience that unique airport view. I’ve been around aviation my whole life, starting as an infant in the chase crew of my uncle’s hot air balloon, and have had a passion for taking pictures of aircraft and the beauty of flight.”

Stephen says that capturing an aircraft during a vivid sunrise or sunset is incredibly unique as it requires him to be in the right place at the right time — with an aircraft in view, during the golden hour, with just the right cloud cover — and having only a few moments to make it all happen.

“It’s an exciting moment that you truly can’t plan for.”

In his down time, Stephen also enjoys photographing mountain, city, and beach landscapes. In addition, he and his wife rescued a puppy in 2021, so he’s enjoyed capturing the world through the puppy’s eyes and all that they expose her to, including aviation.

With the recent opening of the new Terminal A at EWR, Stephen and his team have played an integral part in helping to ensure that operations continued seamlessly throughout the opening process. From working 12-hour shifts to oversee airside functions to providing critical safety and security oversight, Stephen and his team were there every step of the way.

“Although we work in a fast-paced, customer-centric, high-stress industry, I always try to make a few minutes to take in what an airport environment has to offer, recognizing that we’re the lucky few who get to experience what many in the general public never will,” Stephen said. “I encourage my fellow colleagues to do the same each day.”



Stephen's passion for aviation photography is shared with his rescue dog, who joins him on photoshoots.

Member of PA Extended Family Needs Your Support

Sasha King, Staff Business Manager in the Office of the Chief Security Officer and member of the Administrative Professionals Networking Group (APNG) executive team, has recently experienced a family tragedy and would appreciate the support of her PA colleagues.

Sasha’s cousin, Temara, who was a Special Education teacher for Jersey City Public Schools, [was killed at her apartment](#) in Jersey City on the morning of January 24. A family member has [started a GoFundMe](#)



to contribute to the college fund for Alaysia, Temara’s daughter and Sasha’s niece.

“Temara was full of life and brightened any room she entered with her smile. We would be so grateful for any donation that you contribute to securing a bright future for Lay, just as her mother would have wanted. Thank you so so much in advance for your kindness during such a difficult time.”

To offer your support, [see the fundraiser](#) that has been set up for Alaysia.

Empowering Change Through Resistance: Celebrating Black History Month

February is [Black History Month](#), a time dedicated to recognizing the history and achievements of Black and African Americans in the U.S. While it is crucial to highlight the many influential figures and changemakers past and present, we also remember that Black history is American history and must be recognized and celebrated year-round.

The Network of Black Employees (NBE), which has championed equity and inclusion of Black and African American colleagues, invites you to attend **Black History Month: Recognizing Black Trailblazers Who Shaped the Port Authority**, on Wednesday, February 22 from noon to 1:30 p.m., in person at the 4 WTC Board Room (23rd

floor) or virtually via Teams. The event will celebrate key figures in PA history with a panel discussion featuring current and former agency leaders including **Jawauna “Jo” Greene**, Director of Brand and Customer Partnerships; **Norma Hardy**, former PAPD Assistant Chief; **Rebecca Doggett**, former Director, Office of Business and Job Opportunity; and **Cedrick Fulton**, former Director, TB&T. All are welcome to join in person or virtually. For questions or to RSVP, email NBE@panynj.gov.

With origins dating back to 1925, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), is widely credited with creating this celebration, which has recognized achievements and empowered change for nearly a century.

This year’s Black History Month theme is [Black Resistance](#) – fortifying the persistence, will, and resilience of the Black and African American community against social and structural challenges to equity and inclusion. We celebrate the many milestones and achievements of civil rights in America while recognizing that modern racism is still present, through both conscious and [unconscious bias](#) and microaggressions – which we will continue to work to unlearn and disrupt through agencywide trainings, resources, and educational opportunities.

Get Involved:

- [Cultural Library](#)
- [Black History Month events](#)
- [Share your stories and culture](#)
- [Inclusive Leadership Learning Series](#)

Learn More:

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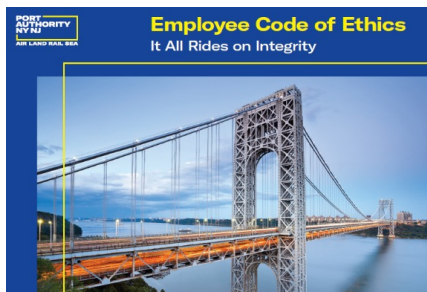
Dr. Carter G. Woodson,
father of Black History
Month

It All Rides on Integrity: Important Updates to the Employee Code of Ethics

This week, the agency released an updated [Employee Code of Ethics](#), reaffirming our commitment to helping employees fulfill the PA mission with the highest standards of ethics and integrity.

The updated Code of Ethics reflects new or updated policies on sexual harassment; discrimination based on hairstyle, grooming, or garb; political activities; transgender inclusion; social media use; conflicts of interest; gifts; employment of relatives; offers of employment; and post-employment obligations. It also details the agency’s strengthened protections against retaliation for employees who report workplace concerns, and provides reporting contacts and resources.

All employees should read, understand, and comply with the Code. To learn more, visit the [Employee Code of Ethics](#) page on eNet.



STAFF NEWS

Deputy Program Executive for JFK Redevelopment Named



Saverio Leone

Saverio Leone has joined Aviation Redevelopment as the Deputy Program Executive for JFK Redevelopment.

In this role, Saverio will be directly responsible for overseeing construction activities of the JFK Redevelopment program including the terminal developments and the Port Authority infrastructure projects.

Saverio has contributed to major capital construction programs such as JFK AirTrain, Jamaica Terminal at Sutphin Blvd, and the WTC Transportation Hub. Over the past 5 years, Saverio has served as the Senior Engineer of Construction for the LGA Redevelopment program as well as the EWR Terminal A Redevelopment program.

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20 power substations, among other management responsibilities.

An engineer by training, Greg joined the Port Authority 15 years ago after graduating from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He’s been with PATH since 2014 and in the role of PSC Superintendent since March 2017.

The Railway Age citation singled Greg out not only for his PATH career, but his community service activity. Besides his day job, Greg is the unpaid Chief Deputy Coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management in Carteret, NJ, volunteering up to 40 hours a week on programs and grants assistance for the local OEM.

“Greg is an integral member of our leadership team, always striving to make the travel experience better for our customers and the workplace better for his colleagues,” said PATH Director/General Manager **Clarelle DeGraffe**. “We’re thrilled that Greg has gotten the industry recognition he so richly deserves.”