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HARBOR DEPARTMENT HIRES RONALD J. BOYD AS CHIEF OF LOS ANGELES PORT POLICE

BOYD RETURNS TO PORT OF LOS ANGELES POLICE AFTER FIVE YEARS AS POLICE CAPTAIN AT LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS



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SAN PEDRO, CA – The Port of Los Angeles today announced the appointment of 24-year law enforcement veteran Ronald J. Boyd as Chief of Los Angeles Port Police. A member of the Port Police from 1982 until 1999, Boyd rose up the rank to lieutenant before joining 200+ strong police force at Los Angeles World Airports in where he currently serves as Patrol Services Commander and Assistant Airport Security Coordinator.

“Los Angeles is home to the nation’s busiest port,” said Los Angeles Harbor Commission President Nick Tonsich. “The responsibility to oversee its Police force requires an individual with a distinct skill set. Ron is exceptionally qualified to perform the duties of Chief of Port Police, and he will play a key role in assuring that the Port is safe.”

“Ron is returning to a very unique law enforcement environment here at the Port of Los Angeles,” said Bruce Seaton, interim executive director at the Port. “In addition to his solid leadership assets, Ron brings us his strong experience at Los Angeles World Airports – another city agency with unique and mission-critical policing needs.”

Boyd formally replaces Noel K. Cunningham as Port Chief of Police. A law enforcement veteran of nearly 40 years, Cunningham, held the chief of police post at the Port since January 1991. In December 2003, Cunningham was promoted to his current senior management post as director of operations and emergency management overseeing the Port Police, Port Pilots, Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security divisions.

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Boyd has extensive experience all aspects of tactical response to terrorist activities and trained with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Coast Guard, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriffs, and California Highway Patrol. While at LAX, Boyd oversaw the development of tactical operations and formed strong relationships with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

The Los Angeles Port Police is the only U.S. police force dedicated exclusively to port activities, while enforcing all federal, state and local laws applicable to Port responsibilities, including cargo protection, pollution investigation, vessel traffic control and narcotics interdiction.

The Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port. As the leading containerport in the nation and a critical hub in the international supply chain, the Port generates thousands of stable, well paying jobs. It has also placed a high priority on smart growth initiatives combined with high security, environmental stewardship and community outreach. The Port of Los Angeles is a proprietary, self-supporting department of the City of Los Angeles. The Port of Los Angeles...Anchoring a bright future.

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