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## TOP SECURITY OFFICIAL AT THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES RETIRES



425 S. Palos Verdes Street San Pedro, CA 90731 Tel: 310/732-3508 After 5:00 p.m.: 310/732-3500 **SAN PEDRO, Calif.** – Noel Cunningham, former Los Angeles Port Police Chief and most recently Director of Operations and Emergency Management for the Port, has retired after nearly 40 years in law enforcement, 15 with the Port of Los Angeles.

"I've had a very interesting career with the Port of Los Angeles," said Cunningham. "Our security forces have never been better, our relationships with other law enforcement agencies never healthier, and we are growing a stronger team every day. I am gratified that our efforts have resulted in a world-class police department, and I will miss these officers greatly."

Before joining the Port in 1991, Cunningham served 25 years on the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), where he served as an area captain before retiring. Cunningham is the only twice-honored recipient of the LAPD's Professional Image Award, the Los Angeles Police Department's highest management award. He also served as the Chair of the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Safety Committee, and is a past president of the International Association of Airport and Seaport Police.

The search for a new Director of Operations and Emergency Management will be underway shortly. In the interim, Port Police Chief Ronald Boyd is acting in that capacity in addition to his other duties.