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#### SANITATION PROMOTES NEW FIRST DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, FOUR-STAR CHIEF OF CLEANING AND COLLECTION, AND THREE-STAR CHIEF OF OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT DIVISION



Commissioner ommissioner Doherty has announced the elevation to First Deputy Commissioner of Bernard J. Sullivan, the promotion of Chief John Nucatola to Director of the Bureau of Cleaning and Collection, and the promotion of Chief Alfred Ferguson to the three-star post of Director of the Operations Management Division.

First Deputy Commissioner Sullivan directs all daily operations of the Department, which Collection (BCC), the Bureau of Cleaning and Collection (BCC), the Bureau of Waste Disposal (BWD), the Enforcement Division, the Division of Safety and Training (DST), the Personnel Management Division (PMD), and the Field Inspection and Audit Team (FIAT). Chief Nucatola commands the DSNY's largest Bureau, BCC and oversees the policy and management of the Bureau, manages its \$550 million budget, its 7,650 employees, and creates, implements, and monitors new cleaning and collection initiatives. Chief Ferguson heads the Operations Management Division (OMD), which provides statistical review and analysis for evaluating DSNY's managerial and operational performance.

"The Department was honored to promote these three veteran Department employees to these very important new assignments. Their knowledge of the Department, excellent management skills, and commitment to keeping our city clean and safe carries on a tradition of excellence that started in 1881 with the creation of the Department of Street Cleaning, and continued with the establishment of the Department of Sanitation in 1929," said Commissioner Doherty.

#### FIRST DEPUTY COMMISSIONER **SULLIVAN**

**F**irst Deputy Commissioner Sullivan began his career with the Department in 1981 as a Sanitation Worker assigned to the Bronx District 8 Garage, which covers Riverdale, Fieldston, Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Marble Hill, Spuyten Duyvil, and Van Cortlandt Village. He rose steadily through the ranks to various supervisory positions within BCC, including Assistant Chief and then Chief of the Bureau Operations Office, Chief of Cleaning Operations, and most recently as the Director of the Bureau of Cleaning and Collection.

In his capacity as the Director of the Bureau of Cleaning and Collection, Chief Sullivan managed the collection of 12,000 tons of trash daily and street cleaning operations, which improved Scorecard ratings citywide, implemented Street Cleaning Regulations reduction in three community boards, expanded the Public Space Recycling Program throughout the five boroughs by increasing the number of receptacle sites from 56 to 294, and oversaw the massive cleanup of both the recent New York Giants and New York Yankees championship victory parades.

Among many his achievements. Chief Sullivan is credited with directing the Department's snow operations for three winters and 26 storms – which included the management of over 7,000 uniformed employees and the utilization of over 2,000 pieces of equipment for snow fighting; managing the Department's equipment and fuel operations during the post September 11<sup>th</sup> clean-up efforts; and carrying out the Department's policies and procedures for street cleaning initiatives that have made New York City the cleanest it has been in 35 years, such as Operation N.I.C.E., and servicing 25,000 litter baskets citywide.

First Deputy Commissioner Sullivan was recognized as the Department's 'Supervisor of the Quarter' in 1988 and 'General Superintendent I of the Quarter' in 1992. He completed the Mayor's Leadership Institute in 1995 and attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 2005. He and his family live in Rockland County, New York.

#### **CHIEF NUCATOLA**

Chief Nucatola began his career with the Department in 1974 as a Sanitation Worker assigned to Manhattan District 9 Garage, which covers Hamilton Heights, Manhattanville, Morningside Heights, and West Harlem. He rose steadily through the ranks to various supervisory positions within the Department, including Borough Chief in charge of Queens East Borough, Assistant Chief assigned to the BOO, and most recently as Director of OMD.

Among his many achievements, Chief Nucatola played an integral role in the Department's Alfred Ferguson Director, OMD

response in the aftermath of September 11th. He is credited with planning and implementing some the Department's most ambitious of technological upgrades, including OMD receiving the 2008 NYC Excellence in Technology Award for the "Best Wireless Project" for GPS/AVL. He has developed calculated target adjustments that have kept the Department at the forefront of productivity initiatives among mayoral agencies.

Chief Nucatola has attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He and his family reside on Long Island.

#### **CHIEF FERGUSON**

Thief Ferguson began his career with the Department in 1987 as a Sanitation Worker assigned to the Manhattan District 3 Garage, which covers Tompkins Square, East Village, Lower East Side, Chinatown, and Two Bridges. He rose steadily through the ranks to various supervisory positions within the Department, including Assistant Chief assigned to OMD, Borough Chief in charge of Queens West Borough, and most recently as Borough Chief in charge of Staten Island Borough. He also served as Executive Officer in the Department's Bureau of Public Information and Community Affairs.

Among his many achievements, as the Executive Officer of the Department's Public Information Office, Chief Ferguson fielded hundreds of media inquiries and gave numerous television interviews regarding the Department's role in the post 9/11 recovery efforts. He also played a major role in the research and development of the Department's Global Positioning System (GPS) in DSNY Salt Spreaders.

Over the years, Chief Ferguson has been recognized as the Department's 'Supervisor of the Quarter' in 1994; received the Department's Gold Medal of Valor in 1998 for pulling a Sanitation Worker out of a burning DSNY vehicle on the Belt Parkway during a snow storm, and 'Superintendent of the Quarter' in 1998. He earned his M.B.A. in Executive Management from St. John's University, Staten Island. He and his family reside on Staten Island.

#### THE DEPARTMENT MOURNS THE DEATH OF SANITATION WORKER FRANK JUSTICH



The Department mourns the death of Sanitation Worker Frank Justich, who died in the line of duty on January 26th. Sanitation Worker Justich, assigned to Queens West District 1 (Astoria, Long Island City), was servicing a corner litter basket when he was struck and pinned by a tractor trailer truck. He was rushed to Mount Sinai Hospital in Astoria, but his injuries proved fatal.

Sanitation Worker Justich, 41, was an 11-year veteran of the Department. He is survived by his wife, Stacy, and their two daughters, Faith, four, and Felicity, one. Anyone wishing to give a donation to the Justich family can log onto **www.frankjustich.com**.

## FIRST DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MICHAEL BIMONTE RETIRES

For ormer First Deputy Commissioner Michael A. Bimonte retired from the Department in October, bringing to a close a career that spanned four decades. He began his career as a Sanitation Worker in 1970, and held various positions with the Department, including Special Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner for Operations and to the First Deputy Commissioner, and Special Assistant to the Commissioner. In the mid-1980's, he performed an integral role in implementing the two-worker truck productivity program, and the Woodbridge Consent Order water quality monitoring provisions for the former Fresh Kills landfill. He was also known as an effective collective bargaining negotiator who maintained a solid relationship with the Department'sworkforce.

Commissioner Doherty said "He is a legend in the Department, and as someone said to me after reading his resignation message, "there will never be another Mike Bimonte" and I fully agree with that."







#### DIRECTOR OF RECYCLING RECEIVES 2010 SLOAN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Robert Lange, Director of the Bureau of Waste Prevention, Reuse, and Recycling, received the Fund for the City of New York's 2010 Sloan Public Service Award for his contributions to the City. He joined the Department in 1988 as an intern as part of the agency's newly created Recycling Programs and Planning Division. Under his leadership, the Bureau has initiated dozens of recycling programs throughout the City, including those with hospitals, prisons, botanical gardens and large apartment complexes.

For 37 years, the Fund for the City of New York has bestowed Public Service Awards to honor outstanding civil servants whose work performance and commitment to the public transcend not merely the ordinary, but the extraordinary – day after day, year after year. In honoring these winners, the organization acknowledges the contributions of the many thousands of dedicated public servants who, with integrity and devotion, perform the work that keeps this complex city running.

This is the second year in a row that the Department had employees receive this coveted award. Last year, Deputy Commissioner Harry Szarpanski, Bureau of Long-Term Export (LTE), and Walter Czwartacky, Director of Special Projects for LTE, both received this award for their part in the implementation of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP).



## DSNY EMPLOYEE RECEIVES HUNDRED YEAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK AWARD

Henry Ehrhardt, Director of Customer Relations for the Department's Bureau of Public Information and Community Affairs, recently was selected as a Public Service recipient of the Hundred Year Association of New York Award. Mr. Ehrhardt received a \$2,500 cash award for spearheading an initiative to digitally map New York City's trash and recycling collection routes, enabling residents to easily access their neighborhood's next scheduled pickup by visiting **www.nyc.gov** or calling **311**. Founded in 1927, the Hundred Year Association of New York recognizes the establishment of businesses and professional, educational, religious, and charitable organizations that are at least 100 years old. Over 200 organizations comprise the Association's membership. Recognizing the partnership between the City's private sector and government, the Association established a program acknowledging the contributions of outstanding City career civil service employees in 1958.



#### SANITATION RECOGNIZES SAFEST DISTRICTS AT SEMI-ANNUAL ACCIDENT REDUCTION AWARDS

The Department recently honored seven districts, the Bureau of Waste Disposal, and the Queens East Borough Command for their commitment to safety and accident reduction in the workplace. The awards were presented at the DSNY's Accident Reduction Awards Ceremony.

Commissioner Doherty said, "Sanitation Workers and other DSNY workers operate many specialized pieces of heavy-duty equipment, which must be operated with respect and awareness of the dangers they pose. The Department is proud of all the award recipients, who display the utmost safety and concern for fellow workers and New Yorkers alike."

The awards were presented for the period of January 2008 through June 2008 to commands that significantly reduced their number of accidents.

COMMAND	COMMUNITIES	REDUCTION
Bronx District 1	Mott Haven, Melrose	86%
Queens East District 12A	Jamaica, Hollis, St. Albans	75%
Brooklyn South District 15	Sheepshead Bay, Manhattan Beach	47%
Bureau of Waste Disposal	Citywide	46%
Queens West District 9	Richmond Hill, Ozone Park	42%
Brooklyn North District 2	Brooklyn Heights, Ft. Greene	37%
Manhattan District 6	Tudor City, Gramercy Park	35%
Queens East Borough	Queens	30%
Staten Island District 3	Annadale, Tottenville	12%

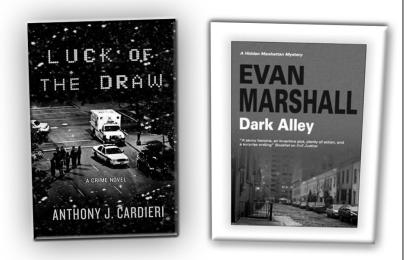
The following commands received awards:

## WRITER'S CORNER

Congratulations to District Superintendent Anthony J. Cardieri, Brooklyn South Borough, who had his murder mystery novel, *Luck* of the Draw, published by St Martin's Press, one of the world's largest publishers. He is a 20-year Department veteran and an avid writer. He is the author of four books, but this is the first to be published internationally. If you want to know more about the talented author, you can visit **www.anthonycardieri.com**.

FYI: Acclaimed author Evan Marshall's latest book, *Dark Alley*, focuses on the fictitious character of Anna Winthrop, a DSNY garage supervisor, who finds herself involved in several murder mysteries. For more information, visit

#### www.evanmarshallmysteries.com



## **COLLECTOR'S ITEMS**

**Congratulations...**to First Deputy Commissioner Bernard L. Sullivan, who was chosen by the Grand Council of United Emerald Societies to be an Aide to the Grand Marshal for the recent 249<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade; Deputy Commissioner Rocky DiRico, Bureau of Support Services, for receiving the 2009 "Fleet of the Year" Award from FleetOwner Magazine for recognition of excellence in fleet management and innovative techniques.

*For a good cause...*DSNY employees raised a total of \$6,376 in donations for the earthquake disaster in Haiti. The donations were given to the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City.

**On display...** Wanda James, Office Manager, Office of Employment and Disciplinary Matters, was featured in a New York Times article on December 30<sup>th</sup> for her highly detailed and popular holiday home window displays.

*That's a lot of trees...*The Bureau of Public Information and Community Affairs switched the daily DSNY news clippings digest to an electronic mail format, which saves: 184,600 legal-sized pages per year, equal to 1,300 reams of paper, which ultimately saves 104 trees annually.

#### DSNY'S STRONGEST BEAT HOUSTON GUNNERS IN GRIDIRON BATTLE

## **DSNY FOOTBALL**



#### **New York's Strongest**

In a one-sided victory, the DSNY Strongest - the Department's official football team - defeated the Houston Police Department Gunners 28-8 on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> in Houston, TX.

A suffocating defense lead by DSNY team members Darryl "Animal" Paulk (four sacks), Brian Ballantine, Mike Tusa, and Dean DiMarco held the Gunners to a single touchdown. Joe "Speedy" Anello had over 150 all purpose yards, and set up three touchdowns for the Strongest.

The team's next game is against the FDNY Bravest on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Bayside High School athletic field in Bayside, Queens. Kickoff starts at 1530. The field is located at 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and the Clearview Expressway Service Road.

For more information on the team, visit their website at **www.dsnyfootball.com**.

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