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## COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE



**W**ith the holidays upon us, I want to extend my very best wishes to each and every member of the Sanitation family. May you all enjoy a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

As we take stock of the year that was, the word 'memorable'

comes to mind. For one, Mayor Bloomberg unveiled his PlaNYC, an ambitious and long-reaching plan to make the Big Apple sustainable and improve the quality of life of all its residents. And talking about quality of life . . . our streets continue to be the cleanest they've been in over three decades. And they keep getting cleaner! Not a small feat for a city of over eight million residents, plus countless tourists and commuters.

As the city becomes greener and cleaner, we continue moving toward the implementation of the Mayor's landmark 20-year Solid Waste Management Plan, a smart, cost-effective and environmentally sound approach to managing New York City's waste. In addition, the city recently became an affiliate of the nation-wide nonprofit organization *Keep America Beautiful*. The new *Keep New York City Beautiful* coalition, of which I'm the Chairperson, will work very hard with all New Yorkers to make our city greener, cleaner . . . and even more beautiful!

However, keeping our city clean and collecting both its refuse and recycling are only part of the Department's many challenges. This past year brought us ice storms twice during the snow season. But, as usual, the men and women of the Department rose to the occasion and cleared 6,300 city street miles — the distance from New York City to Los Angeles and back — thus keeping the Big Apple running in its usual 24/7 hectic rhythm, and proving once again why they're worthy of the title "New York's Strongest."

But while our Department may be known for its strength, it's also never short of valor. Sanitation Workers Michael Abatatuno and Anthony DiMasso, of Queens East Borough, showed their courage when they saved a woman and a child trapped in an overturned car in the middle of a busy intersection after a very serious accident. They each received a Gold Medal of Valor.

Two other Sanitation heroes from Queens West recently came to the aid of an elderly woman who had been hit by a bus and whose leg was severed in the accident. Veteran Sanitation Worker Monroe Folks and his partner Matthew Mahoney — who had only been on the job a month — applied a tourniquet to the injured woman's leg, saving her life until emergency personnel arrived at the scene. Their heroics were the subject of a great front-page story on Thanksgiving Day in the Daily News. We are tremendously proud and thankful for their quick actions.

When it's all said and done, there's no shortage of Sanitation heroes. It comes down to the Sanitation spirit: when someone's in need, we rush in to help!

This past year, we also had a chance to celebrate together, as we gathered at our Floyd Bennett Field Training Academy for our third annual *Family Day* for a day of great fun and wonderful food. First Deputy Commissioner Michael Bimonte and his team deserve kudos for making this a first-rate event.

Every new year comes with its own unique challenges and I'm sure 2008 will be no different. But I'm also certain that no matter how daunting the task, Sanitation will have no trouble meeting it head on, with determination and professionalism. A world-class city like New York deserves only the very best, and Sanitation's men and women consistently deliver.

*Happy Holidays!*

## CHIEF SULLIVAN PROMOTED TO NEW DIRECTOR OF BCC



The Department is pleased to announce that Chief Bernard Sullivan has been promoted to the rank of four-star chief in charge of the Bureau of Cleaning and Collection (BCC). As Director of BCC, Chief Sullivan is responsible for the policy and management of the Bureau, managing its \$550 million budget, supervising the Bureau's 7,650 employees, and creating, implementing, and monitoring new cleaning and collection initiatives.

Chief Sullivan joined the DSNY in 1981 as a Sanitation Worker assigned to the Bronx 8 District Garage which covers Riverdale. He rose steadily through the ranks to various supervisory positions within BCC serving as Assistant Chief and ultimately Chief of the Bureau Operations Office; and most recently Chief of Cleaning Operations.

Among his many 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 11th clean-up efforts; carrying out the Department's policies and procedures for street cleaning initiatives such as Operation N.I.C.E., and servicing 25,000 litter baskets citywide.

Chief 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.

## CHIEF BELLEW NAMED CHIEF OF CLEANING OPERATIONS



Chief Michael Bellew has been named Chief of Cleaning Operations. In his new post, Chief Bellew is responsible for the day-to-day cleaning of the City's 6,000 miles of streets, collection of our 25,000 litter baskets, cleaning of City-owned

and private lots, coordinating the removal of derelict vehicles from city streets, and analyzing 'scorecard' data to manage city-wide cleaning resources. He is also responsible for major event clean-ups such as the ING New York City Marathon, Times Square New Year's celebration, Thanksgiving Day Parade, and other parades and festive occasions throughout the five boroughs.

Chief Bellew joined the DSNY in 1981 as a Sanitation Worker assigned Manhattan 12 District Garage. He rose steadily through the ranks to various supervisory positions, serving as Supervisor, General Superintendent I, Deputy Chief, and most recently, Assistant Chief of Cleaning.

Among his many achievements, Chief Bellew is credited with implementing a work plan and schedule for 800 Work Experience Program (WEP) participants citywide, supervising the Cleaning Planning Unit, computerizing the locations of the Department's litter baskets for more efficient cleaning and collection, and managing the redesign of the Department's mechanical broom routes from three hours to 90 minutes.

Chief Bellew has taken extensive executive managerial courses in Managing Organizational Change, Constructive Conflict Resolution, and Negotiating Techniques provided by the Department of Citywide Administrative Services; Management and Leadership sponsored by Rockhurst University of Kansas City, Missouri; Leadership and Influence Skills taught by the Sanitation Training and Development staff; online Federal Emergency Management Agency courses on emergency management dealing with multiple incidents.

Chief Bellew's brother, Marty, was DSNY's four-star chief in charge of the Bureau of Waste Disposal before retiring in 2005.

## MICHAEL EBERT NAMED NEW ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING AND BUDGET



Michael Ebert has been named as the new Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of Planning and Budget. He has over 22 years of service with the DSNY.

As Assistant Commissioner, Michael Ebert will help the Department administer a \$1.2 billion expense budget, a \$400 million capital budget, and will supervise the bureau's 25 employees. His office also will assist the Department in complying with modified expense budget targets, and providing the reports to the Commissioner and his executive staff.

Ebert joined the DSNY in 1985 as a budget analyst in the DSNY's Bureau of Capital Budget and Engineering Support, ultimately becoming the Bureau's Director in 1994. In 2003, he succeeded now Deputy Commissioner Lorenzo Cipollina as the Director of Planning and Budget, which combined all the various budgets, including revenue, capital and expense

functions. Ebert is credited with successfully managing the Department's capital plan within its budget targets.

Ebert was recognized as the Department's 'Civilian Employee of the Quarter' in 1987 and received a Certificate of Achievement for 'Exemplary Attendance and Dedication to Service' in 2003. He earned both his BA and Master's degrees from the State University at Stony Brook.

# DSNY NOVEMBER PROMOTION AND GRADUATION CEREMONY

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and Commissioner John J. Doherty promoted a new four-star Chief and a three-star Chief, administered the oaths of office to 250 new Sanitation Workers, 73 senior supervisory personnel, eight Sanitation Police Officers, and 26 Sanitation Enforcement Agents and Sergeants at the Tribeca Performing Arts Center at the Borough of Manhattan Community College on November 29th.

Bernard Sullivan, a 26-year veteran of the Department, formerly Chief of Cleaning Operations, was promoted as the four-star Director of the Bureau of Cleaning and Collection, taking over for Anthony Etergineoso, the former Director of BCC. Michael Bellew, also a 26-year Department veteran, was promoted as the three-star Chief of Cleaning Operations, taking over for the vacancy left by Chief Sullivan.

“Everyday the men and women of the Sanitation Department collect 12,000 tons of trash, keep our 6,300 miles of streets clean, and help enforce our laws, all of which have helped make New York the cleanest it has been in over three decades,” said Mayor Bloomberg. “It’s an honor to congratulate the more than 30 DSNY employees who are taking the oath as new Sanitation Police Officers, Enforcement Agents and Sergeants, and more than 70 who are being promoted to supervisory positions throughout the Department including two men [Chief Sullivan and Chief Bellew] who are rising to the Department’s top ranks.”

“The dedicated men and women of the Department of Sanitation – New York’s Strongest – perform their duties with diligence and determination in one of the most essential of city services,” said Commissioner Doherty. “I am deeply proud of all our Sanitation Workers, Supervisors, and our Enforcement division who for their efforts have made this great Department even more successful.”

## Oaths of Office:

### General Superintendent V

Bernard Sullivan  
Director of the Bureau of Cleaning and Collection

### General Superintendent IV

Michael Bellew  
Chief of Cleaning Operations

### General Superintendents III

Lorenz Arfsten  
Thomas Doyle  
Paul Visconti

### General Superintendents II

Damiano Cassiano  
Joseph Cendagorta  
Louis Lanni  
Roger Leahy  
George McLean  
Anthony Pasquale

### Assistant Commissioner

Michael Ebert

### Supervisors

Class of August 2007

### Sanitation Workers

Class of September 2007

Class of October 2007

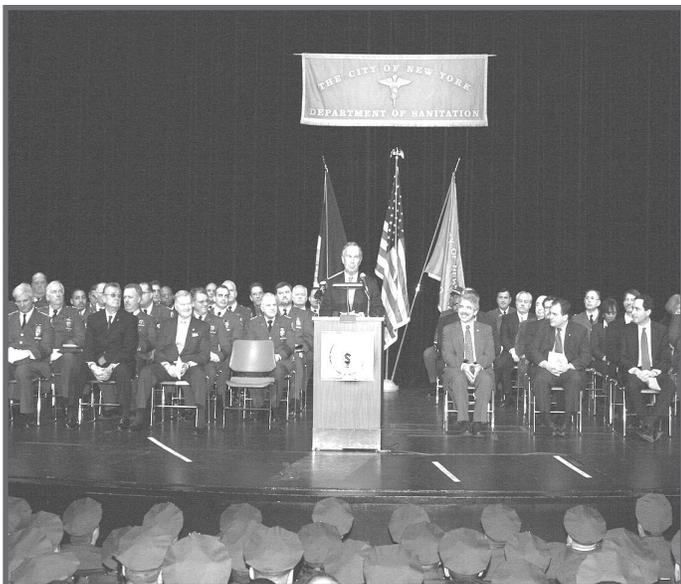
## ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

### Sanitation Police Officers

Michael Barlone  
Louis Galasso  
Chad Jacobson  
Frank Liotta  
Esmerelda McClean  
Serafin Rivera  
Anthony Rizzo  
Scott Weideman

### Sanitation Enforcement Sergeants

Angelina Agosto  
Alvin Amezquita  
Melicia Blakney  
Danielle Greenwood  
Jonathan Sapp  
Jay Wallace  
Azucena Ycaza





## *Sanitation Cleans Up Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Leftovers*

A small army of Sanitation personnel cleaned up tons of debris left behind by the hundreds of thousands of spectators lining the route of the 81st Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. And for the first time, the Department's costumed recycling characters from its 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' public awareness campaign marched in the parade to encourage recycling in the city.

## *Sanitation and New York University Co-Sponsor Exhibit on Sanitation's History*

The Department and New York University (NYU) have come together to create "Loaded Out: Making a Museum," an exhibition about the Department's important history and its vital role in shaping the City, which runs through Sunday, January 13, 2008 at 136 West 20th Street between 6th and 7th Avenues, Manhattan. Housed in a DSNY field office, the exhibit will be open from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Thursdays through Sundays. The exhibit is a culmination of collaboration between DSNY and NYU, and is the first phase of what will eventually lead to an actual DSNY Museum.



"Sanitation, since its inception as the Department of Street Cleaning in 1881, has been trusted with one of the most vital of city services, which is collecting and disposing of the currently 12,000 tons of refuse and recycling each and every day, and maintaining clean and safe city streets. The Department thanks the dedicated faculty at New York University for their hard work, and we are honored to have an exhibit showcasing how the Department has played such an important role in our City," said Commissioner Doherty.

The exhibit evolved from a course "Making a Museum: Materializing Regimes of Value with the New York City Department of Sanitation," taught by Professor Haidy Geismar of NYU's Museum Studies Program and Anthropology division, and Dr. Robin Nagle, director of NYU's Draper Interdisciplinary Master's Program and also the DSNY's Anthropologist-in-Residence.

## *Collector's Items . . .*

**Discounts...** Toys R Us once again opened its doors exclusively to DSNY personnel for early holiday shopping before-hours in six of their stores in Thanksgiving week with a DSNY-only discount.

**Thank you...** To all who participated in the Community Mayor's Annual Christmas Party for Children with Special Needs; To everyone who participated in this year's annual Columbus Day Parade; SW Ed Shevlin, Queens East 14, for raising \$10,500 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF) via 'Shevy's Ride for Breath'. The DSNY Emerald Society raised an additional \$5,500 for 'Shevy's Ride,' and raised \$4,000 more for the CFF at their 21st Annual Charity Golf Outing in September; and to all who contributed to the "Donna's Beacon of Hope" Team, which raised over \$15,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Walk.

**Congrats...** To the Brooklyn South 11 Softball Team, on their championship win in the DSNY's interdepartmental softball league.

**Reminder...** The Department is collecting unwrapped toys or donations for this year's annual Billy Fund "New York City's Strongest" Toy Drive. Contact Kathy Dawkins in the Public Information Office.

**Condolences to the families of...** Eugenia Calderone, mother of Assistant Chief Victor Calderone, Night City Superintendent, Bureau Operations Office; Rita Williams, mother of Assistant Chief Wallace Williams, Collection & Recycling Operations Office; and Arthur V. Price, former Director of the Bureau of Waste Disposal.

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