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LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Edward Cetnar, Superintendent

Port Authority Police of NY & NJ

Edward T. Cetnar was appointed Superintendent of Police and Director of Public Safety of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Department on May 11, 2018.

Mr. Cetnar oversees the daily operation of the over 2300 person Police Department. He is responsible for the police and security services of the New York Metro area's airports, including John F. Kennedy International, Newark Liberty International and LaGuardia Airport.

Additionally, Mr. Cetnar is responsible for the Path Train System, Port Authority Bus Terminal, Lincoln and Holland Tunnels, Port Newark, Brooklyn Piers, George Washington Bridge, Staten Island Bridge Crossings, as well as the World Trade Center Complex.

Prior to his appointment to the Port Authority, Mr. Cetnar served over 27 years with the New Jersey State Police. At the end of his service, Mr. Cetnar served as a Lt. Colonel serving as the Deputy Superintendent of Operations. During his tenure, Lt. Colonel Cetnar was tapped as the Incident Commander for the 2013 and 2014 Miss America Pageants, the 2014 National Special Olympics, and most notably the 2014 NFL Super Bowl.

Further, in 2012, Lt. Colonel Cetnar was the Incident Commander for the Agudath Israel Event. Held at Met Life Stadium, 90,000 from the community gathered to celebrate the Siyum Hashas. This gathering is considered the largest in the history of the Jewish faith. The event earned worldwide acclaim for its security and protective measures taken to protect a faith-based celebration. Lt. Colonel Cetnar was the Statewide Incident Commander for the search, rescue, and security operations caused by Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

Mr. Cetnar holds a Masters Degree from Seton Hall University where he currently serves as an Adjunct Professor. He is a graduate from the FBI National Academy and the United States Army's Commandant's 7th Strategic Studies Program.

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State of New Jersey

THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator VITALE, Assembly Speaker COUGHLIN and Assemblywoman LOPEZ

WHEREAS, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to salute Edward T. Cetnar, a highly esteemed member of his community, who will be honored by the National Police Defense Foundation during its Awards Gala on May 11, 2022, at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach, New York; and,

WHEREAS, The prestigious Law Enforcement Leadership Award is being bestowed upon Edward T. Cetnar in recognition of his extraordinary accomplishments; and,

WHEREAS, An illustrious graduate of Seton Hall University, the FBI National Academy, and United States Army's Commandant's 7th Strategic Studies Program, Edward T. Cetnar serves with distinction as Superintendent of Police and Director of Public Safety of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Department, and the depth of his knowledge and breadth of his experience have immeasurably enhanced the successful functioning of this agency; and,

WHEREAS, Edward T. Cetnar ensures the safety and well-being of countless individuals through his superb oversight of police and security services at the New York Metropolitan Area's three airports, the Path Train System, the Port Authority Bus Terminal, the Lincoln and Holland Tunnels, Port Newark, Brooklyn Piers, the George Washington Bridge, Staten Island bridge crossings, and the World Trade Center Complex; and,

WHEREAS, He previously shared his considerable insight with the New Jersey State Police for twenty-seven years, advancing through the ranks to Lieutenant Colonel and serving as Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and he was especially appreciated for his efforts as Incident Commander during Miss America Pageants, the 2014 National Special Olympics, and Super Bowl XLVIII; and,

WHEREAS, Within all the spheres of his life and work, Edward T. Cetnar has established a model to emulate and has set a standard of excellence toward which others might strive; and,

WHEREAS, It is altogether proper and fitting for this Legislature to acknowledge Edward T. Cetnar and to praise him as an individual of strong character and uncommon determination; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

That this Legislature hereby commends Edward T. Cetnar, pays tribute to his meritorious record of service, leadership, and commitment, and extends sincere best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to Edward T. Cetnar.

Attest:

Nicholas P. Scutari
President of the Senate

Craig J. Coughlin
Speaker of the General Assembly

Linda Metzger
Secretary of the Senate

Dana M. Burley
Clerk of the General Assembly