

PAPD Spreads Awareness About New Safe Place Initiative

The Port Authority Police Department recently launched the Safe Place Initiative, which assists victims of hate crimes, at three Port Authority facilities. On Wednesday, July 10, members of the PAPD visited PATH Journal Square, the World Trade Center Oculus, and the Midtown Bus Terminal, where they passed out flyers and had meaningful face-to-face conversations with travelers and community members to raise awareness of the program.

The Safe Place Initiative was originally created by the Seattle Police Department as an outreach effort to members of the local LGBTQ community, who were underreporting hate crimes and bias incidents. Today, as PAPD becomes the 357th police department across the country to adopt the program, it has expanded to include all victims of hate crimes.



World Trade Center Oculus



Midtown Bus Terminal



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SWF Flies High with New Routes to Florida



Passengers seeking affordable air travel to warm-weather destinations will soon have more options than ever at New York Stewart International Airport (SWF). Later this year, SWF will debut new year-round direct routes to two exciting Florida destinations, Vero Beach and Fort Lauderdale.

Service to these two new destinations will start just in time for East Coast travelers to escape winter chills. Breeze Airways will fly to Vero Beach on Thursdays and Sundays beginning November 21, and Allegiant Air flights to Fort Lauderdale will take off Fridays and Mondays starting on November 15, giving customers access to new destinations for fun in the sun.

“New York Stewart has become an excellent choice within our region for those seeking well-priced winter getaways without the need for long flights or leaving the country,” said Chairman **Kevin O’Toole**. “We are pleased to welcome additional

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JFK Welcomes Passengers On Board Innovative Self-Driving Shuttle Bus

This summer, passengers flying out of JFK will have the unique opportunity to participate in the agency’s first self-driving vehicle pilot to serve the traveling public.

On Thursday, July 18, the Planning and Regional Development Department traveled to JFK long-term parking Lot 9 to experience the agency’s latest pilot of an autonomous Ohmio shuttle bus firsthand. The Innovation Hub pilot program is managed by Planning’s own **Leo Tsang**, who is enthusiastic about the pilot’s mission to make access between AirTrain JFK stations and parked vehicles easier and quicker for customers.

The autonomous vehicle pilot currently underway at JFK is the agency’s fourth test of self-driving technology at its major airports, but the first to be open to the public. This pilot builds on these previous efforts, including the [groundbreaking demonstration of autonomous platooning at JFK last summer](#).

This summer’s pilot began on July 16 and will continue operating through the end of August. To learn more about the self-driving shuttle pilot, read this [recent press release](#), or visit JFK Lot 9 this summer to experience the future of transportation firsthand!



Planning Department visits autonomous shuttle pilot at JFK

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travelers at New York Stewart that will provide more visitors and economic opportunities for the Hudson Valley region.”

These new routes are just two of the five new services that have debuted at SWF so far this year, as SWF continues to provide travelers in the Hudson Valley region with expanded options for affordable and convenient travel.

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to **Sadia Janjua**, Chief of Digital Transformation in the Engineering Department, who was selected as one of Engineering News-Record's (ENR) National Top 20 Under 40!



Sadia Janjua

Sadia was selected by a panel of industry judges as representing the pinnacle of leadership skills, community service, work ethic, talent, and diversity within the engineering and construction industry from nearly 530 nominations submitted last fall from across the U.S.

Sadia is an accomplished professional with almost two decades of experience in program and construction management. A champion and innovator of digital tool integration, Sadia has led efforts at the agency to reinvent the future of construction for our rapidly evolving digital era, optimizing our efforts to keep the region moving.

Congratulations to Sadia on this well-deserved recognition and her transformational contributions to the agency and to the region.

Business Manager Development Program Graduates Reunite at Celebratory Breakfast

Graduates of this year's Business Manager Skills Mastery Academy celebrated their hard work and success at a recent reunion breakfast hosted by the Human Resources Department. On Tuesday, July 16, 20 program graduates from across all 3 cohorts of the program reunited at 4 WTC, where they enjoyed a delicious breakfast and a fun trivia game that tested their knowledge of the program's curriculum.



The 2-month program covered a range of topics including change management, analytical thinking, delegation, teamwork, and conflict resolution. In addition to building their skills and knowledge through over 44 hours of training, program participants also completed a DISC (Dominance, Influence, Steadiness, Compliance) assessment, which helped them understand their individual management style strengths and development areas.

Participants were delighted to see each other in person at the breakfast and shared success stories of how the program has given them the skills and tools to succeed in their careers.

Welcoming the 2024 Leadership Fellows



From left: Ashley Delgado, Alana Barrington Dye, Aman Patel, Laura Feyer, Anthony Cordy, Kamilah Lopez, and Grace Dragna.

Join the Human Resources Department in welcoming the 2024 class of Leadership Fellows, who started with the agency in July. For decades, the Leadership Fellows program has offered on-the-job experience in business functions such as planning, finance, security, facility operations, and human resources to recent master's degree graduates. During the two-year rotational program, Leadership Fellows experience four unique roles within the agency at a facility, a staff

department, a line department, and in finance. Through these experiences, they understand the breadth and depth of the agency, which prepares them to become future leaders at the Port Authority. The Fellows also participate in professional development programs throughout their rotations, preparing them for full-time success at the agency after completing the two-year program.

GOT NEWS FOR NEXT TIME?

Do you have news from your team, department or employee group to share in the next PA News? Send it to panews@panynj.gov by August 2 to be included in the August 9 issue.

WORKING ADVANTAGE DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Port Authority employees and retirees can take advantage of hundreds of discounts at stores, theaters, theme parks, and more through Working Advantage, the PA's Employee Discount Program partner. Visit www.workingadvantage.com and use the PA Member ID number — 405042634.



Innovation Hub Launches New Collaborative Space at 4 WTC

The Innovation Hub invites employees to attend the grand opening of the Innovation Club at 4 WTC! Located on the 16th floor through the east door, this dedicated space fosters innovation, collaboration, and connection across departments. The iHub is hosting a grand opening event all week long on the week of July 29, so stop by at a time that works for you!



At the Innovation Club, you can:

- Hotel in a designated space for collaboration with electric sit-stand desks
- Track and learn more about ongoing iHub pilot projects
- Enjoy a casual lunch or coffee break with colleagues from across the agency
- Pick up your iHub books and access the innovation lending library
- Experience a space that sparks innovation and interdepartmental connection
- Add to the opening week innovation vision board

The iHub looks forward to seeing you there!

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One of the 2024 PA Workplace Equity Council's initiatives, PAPD's adoption of the Safe Place Initiative provides a simple way to make PA facilities safer. Members of the community who have been the victim of a hate crime can find a "Safe Place" by looking for a Safe Place sticker or poster displayed in the windows of one of the 82 Port Authority retailers across the 3 facilities who have agreed to participate in the program. These partner businesses provide victims with assistance in contacting law enforcement and a place to safely wait for help from PAPD to arrive.

PAPD's participation in the Safe Place Initiative and outreach efforts to the community to increase awareness of the program are emblematic of PAPD's commitment to celebrating the diversity of the communities we serve while protecting their safety.

Women Lead the Way at PAPD Youth Academy

Originally published in [Now Arriving](#), written by [Lenis Valens](#).

At just 18, Briana Vera already exudes the curiosity and compassion of a seasoned police officer. Her confidence in front of police leadership made clear this wasn't just a job she wants. It's a job she's determined to get.

While she had arrived in the U.S. from Ecuador just a year ago, she already has her sights set on a career in law enforcement and aviation and is now one step closer after graduating from the 2024 PAPD **Officer Anthony M. Varvaro** Youth Academy. Keep reading in [Now Arriving](#).



Students receive a demonstration from a PAPD K-9 Unit

CALENDAR

PAHS: NYSLRS Information Session

July 30, noon to 1 p.m., virtual.

The Port Authority Hispanic Society (PAHS) hosts PAHS Talks on the New York State Local Retirement System (NYSLRS), presented by a NYSLRS representative. PAHS members will receive an invitation. Non-members can RSVP to PAHS@panynj.gov.

PAAN: PA Panel Discussion on the ADA

July 31, noon to 1 p.m., virtual.

Russell Kriegel, Chief Architect; **Paul Farber**, Title VI and ADA Compliance Coordinator; and **Inez Lano**, Manager in Workforce Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, discuss how the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has influenced their work and how everyone can be advocates. [Register for the Port Authority Panel.](#)

August 6: Meet and Greet with the PAPD at PA Facilities

Members of the Port Authority Police Department will be out in force across 10 PA facilities as part of National Night Out on August 6, and [all are welcome to join!](#)

Created in 1984, National Night Out is an annual nationwide initiative that promotes positive relationships between the police and the communities they serve. For the second year in a row, PAPD invites PA employees, retailers, and members of the travelling public to stop by an interactive information table to chat with an officer, learn more about the department, take a few photos, and grab some PAPD swag. For the full list of locations and times, see the [National Night Out flyer](#).

FACILITY	LOCATION	TIMES
George Washington Bridge	2010 E. River, NYC (Midway City)	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Midland Tunnel (Midway City P&D)	Midway Park, New York City P&D	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Labriola (New York State Thruway)	Midway Park, New York City P&D	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Labriola (New York State Thruway)	Terminal C, AirTrain LIRR	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Labriola (New York State Thruway)	South Street (Rampart) Station, NY	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Newark Liberty International Airport	Terminal B, Westchester Road (LIRR Station, NJ)	2:00 pm - 10:00 pm
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Port Authority Bus Terminal (NJ Transit)	PAHS South Street, Midway City P&D	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
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World Trade Center	NYC (Garden City) Station, NY	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
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Meet members of the PAPD & Port Authority Facility Operations
Learn about security awareness and public safety
A connected community is a safer community!