



Edward T. Cetnar

2024 Irishman of the Year

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Edward T. Cetnar was appointed the 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, and the World Trade Center Complex.

Before his appointment to the Port Authority, Mr. Cetnar served as a Lt. Colonel in the New Jersey State Police for over 27 years and was the Deputy Superintendent of Operations. He has been the Incident Commander for high-profile events such as the 2014 NFL Super Bowl, the 2014 National Special Olympics, and the 2013 and 2014 Miss America Pageants. Additionally, he was the Incident Commander for the largest gathering in the history of the Jewish faith, the Agudath Israel Event, held at Met Life Stadium in 2012. He also had the Statewide Incident Commander position for search, rescue, and security operations during Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

Mr. Cetnar obtained his Masters Degree from Seton Hall University and is an Adjunct Professor. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the United States Army's Commandant's 7th Strategic Studies Program. As a member of the Port Authority Police Emerald Society, he takes pride in his Irish ancestry, which he traces back to the Fitzsimmons on his mother's side, County Cavan, Ireland.
