



## **EX-BOEING SECURITY CHIEF TO HEAD PORT SECURITY**

Cosmo Perrone to Succeed William Ellis

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The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners voted Monday, March 7, to appoint former Boeing and McDonnell Douglas security and fire director Cosmo Perrone as the Port of Long Beach's director of security, succeeding retiring interim security chief William C. Ellis.

Perrone's appointment takes effect March 14. Heading the Port's Security Division, Perrone will oversee more than 40 security personnel including the Port's Harbor Patrol officers, and direct the 24-hour patrols, anti-terrorism programs and security coverage for the 3,000-acre Port complex.

Perrone has been the executive director of Cosmo Perrone and Associates of Long Beach, a security, fire and investigations consulting firm formed in 2003. Previously, he served for 23 years in Long Beach with aircraft manufacturer Boeing and McDonnell Douglas (which Boeing acquired in 1997), including 19 years as director of security and fire services.

He has been a member of the City of Long Beach's Public Safety Advisory Commission and the U.S. State Department's Overseas Security Advisory Council.

Perrone, a resident of Long Beach, holds a law degree from Western State University in Fullerton.

Ellis was named the Port's interim security director in 2002, and previously had served for 31 years with the Long Beach Police Department, including a stint as police chief from 1991 to 1996.

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