

**EX- LONG BEACH POLICE CHIEF, ELLIS,
NAMED INTERIM PORT SECURITY DIRECTOR**

LONG BEACH, Calif., Sept. 4, 2002 – The Port of Long Beach has named former Long Beach Police Chief William C. Ellis as the port's interim director of security, succeeding Robert M. Barker, who is retiring at the end of September.

Ellis, whose appointment is effective immediately, will head the port's 40-person Security Division during a previously announced review by an independent consultant who will make recommendations on the division's structure, authority and staffing needs in the aftermath of Sept. 11.

Ellis served for 31 years with the Long Beach Police Department, including a stint as police chief from 1991 to 1996. Since his retirement, he has served as interim police chief for the cities of Claremont, Manhattan Beach and West Covina during their search for a permanent police chief.

Barker has been the port's director of security since 1997. Before coming to the port, Barker has served as police chief of the Santa Ana Unified School District, a special agent with the U.S. Secret Service and as a detective commanding officer with the Los Angeles Police Department.

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