



# The Delaware River and Bay Authority

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### **Delaware River and Bay Authority Names New Deputy Police Administrator** *Welcomes FBI Veteran Michael C. Howard*

(New Castle, DE) Today, Delaware River and Bay Authority officials announced the selection of Michael C. Howard of Fredericksburg, Virginia to serve as the agency's new Deputy Police Administrator, with a rank of Lt. Colonel. Mr. Howard, who has more than thirty one years of law enforcement experience at the federal, state and local levels, officially began his duties on November 3, 2014.

"I appreciate executive management's faith in my abilities to help lead and manage the Delaware River and Bay Authority's nationally accredited police department," said Lt. Colonel Michael C. Howard. "Public service is an important part of my career and this is a great opportunity to use the experience, knowledge and leadership skills that I've gained during my law enforcement career to make a difference. I look forward to working with Colonel Arroyo and the dedicated men and women of the department to further our mission of public service, crime prevention, highway safety and emergency preparedness."

"Michael has a unique combination of law enforcement experience, operational skills, and leadership abilities that will prove invaluable to the Delaware River and Bay Authority," said Colonel Richard H. Arroyo, DRBA Police Administrator. "He is the consummate law enforcement professional with a tremendous record of accomplishments. What a tremendous addition to our team!"

The Deputy Police Administrator, the second highest ranking officer in the department, serves as the primary advisor to the Police Administrator regarding police practices and operations. He will also be responsible for the management and supervision of various administrative and operational units in the police department, make recommendations on staffing and assignments, provide direction on crime prevention activities and highway safety, and participate in the recruitment and selection process for new hires and promotions within the department.

For 24 years, Mr. Howard served in the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), most recently as the Unit Chief of SWAT Operations and Critical Incident Response Group. He was responsible for spearheading training, resourcing, and policy implementation for the entire FBI Tactical Program, encompassing 56 Field Offices and more than 1,200 agents. For the past two years, Mr. Howard served as an outside contractor for the FBI providing training and operational support to FBI personnel conducting operations in globally based chemical, biological, and radiological environments. In 1983, Mr. Howard began his law enforcement career as a police officer for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA).

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Mr. Howard earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Dayton. He is also a certified instructor in numerous law enforcement facets, including Weapons of Mass Destruction, SWAT, Firearms, Special Weapons and Tactics, and Street Survivor/Practical Applications.

**About the Delaware River and Bay Authority**

The DRBA, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962, owns and operates the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May- Lewes Ferry, and the Delaware City – Salem Ferry Crossing. The DRBA also manages corporate and aviation properties through its economic development powers - two airports in New Jersey (Millville Airport and Cape May Airport) and three in Delaware (New Castle Airport, Civil Air Terminal and Delaware Airpark). All DRBA operating revenues are generated through the bridge, ferry and airport facilities. For more information, visit [www.drba.net](http://www.drba.net).