

MTA Board Appoints William Waters as New Inspector General

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(Jan 30, 2003) The MTA Board has appointed William Waters as the agency's new Inspector General, replacing Arthur Sinai who retired last year.

Waters has been acting Inspector General since July, running the day-to-day operations of the Office of Inspector General (OIG).

As Inspector General, Waters oversees an investigations unit that is responsible for detecting and investigating potential criminal violations, and for reviewing matters of fraud, waste and abuse at MTA.

He also is responsible for an audits unit that evaluates MTA policies and procedures and ensures that the agency's internal controls are functioning as intended. The management reviews and analyses unit is responsible for responding to OIG HOTLINE calls and letters.

"My commitment as inspector general is to work with the MTA Board and MTA leadership to ensure taxpayers' hard-earned dollars are being spent wisely and honestly," says Waters.

Worked with DEA

Waters joined OIG in 1998 as deputy inspector general in charge of investigations. Previously, Waters had a successful career with the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

He served as the executive director of the Southern California Drug Task Force in Los Angeles. Under his leadership, the task force gained local and national recognition as a model for outstanding performance and efficiency and was the recipient of state and national awards for superior accomplishment.

Waters received a Bachelors degree in criminal justice and government administration from California State University, Sacramento, and became a Certified Inspector General (CIG) in June 2000.

Waters has more than 32 years of professional experience in law enforcement. He and his wife, Jackie, reside in Simi Valley and have three grown children, two daughters and a son, and four grandchildren.

He enjoys boating and fishing and occasionally likes to play golf.

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