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Metro's top security executive, Paul Lennon, has been tapped for mass transit post at U.S. Transportation Security Administration, where he'll oversee commuter bus and rail security programs nationwide.



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Metro's Paul Lennon Named to Top Mass Transit Post at TSA

- He'll oversee commuter bus and rail security programs nationwide

By BILL HEARD, Editor

(Oct. 18, 2006) Metro's top security executive, Paul Lennon, has been named the U.S. Transportation Security Administration's general manager for mass transit, a newly created position that will give him oversight of commuter bus and rail security programs throughout the nation.

Lennon will work with a number of other top TSA executives, including Kip Hawley, assistant secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and TSA administrator; Robert Jamison, deputy TSA administrator; and John Sammon, assistant TSA administrator.

Lennon will be headquartered in Arlington, Va. His last day with Metro will be Nov. 9, and he will begin his new job Nov. 20.

"I think the Department of Homeland Security has made an excellent choice in Paul. He's probably the best person to help DHS focus on transit," said CEO Roger Snoble. "We're going to miss Paul a great deal. He did a lot for us."

"Paul has been a great advisor to me on security and our interface with federal agencies, specifically the TSA," said Cmdr. Dan Finkelstein, Metro police chief. "I'm really sorry to lose him here, but for those of us who see nationwide security as a team effort, we're clearly going to win with Paul in his new position."

Focus on inspection teams

While managing a staff of several thousand TSA personnel, Lennon expects to spend much of his time focusing on the work of 16-member surface transportation inspection teams that are located in major cities.

He plans to ensure that the TSA teams work in close cooperation with local transit security officials and law enforcement agencies to provide intelligence about security threats, participate in security training and assess security vulnerabilities of local transit agencies.

"My job will be to provide depth to the organization, to hire some top-level executives who have on-the-ground experience relating to transit security," Lennon said. "TSA has people located in the various cities, but they need a better understanding of the mission."

He also expects to provide feedback to Washington about the security funding needs of local transit agencies. "One of the reasons I was interested in this job is that TSA is now going to have a significant influence on federal funding."

Looking back on his eight years at Metro, Lennon believes his biggest accomplishment has been "developing a synergy with the Sheriff's Department as our law enforcement and security provider" and helping cement Metro's reputation in Washington as a "premier" security-conscious transit agency that works well with federal officials.

'An outstanding reputation'

"We have an outstanding reputation in Washington," he said.

"I also can't say enough about the LA Metro team, its employees, the management, our Board and their staff, as well as our Transit Services Bureau," Lennon said. "During my tenure here, I'd match them against any transit law enforcement team in the country. They truly deserve the title of 'America's Best.'"

Lennon joined Metro in July 1998, following five years as executive director of security, safety and operations at the American Public Transportation Association. Previously, he served in the top security role with the Metro-Link light rail operation of the Bi-State Development Agency in St. Louis.

In 1990, he retired from the Boston MTA with 26 years' service, beginning as a light-rail, bus and rail-subway operator in 1965 and rising to chief transportation officer.

Lennon and his wife, Maureen, currently live in Santa Clarita, where she works as an executive secretary in the city government.