

# THE PORT REPORT



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## New PHA Tariffs Go Into Effect January 1, 2009

The Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority has approved reissuing Tariffs Nos. 8, 14 and 15, as well as general tariff rate increases that will go into effect on January 1, 2009.

The increases are necessary, PHA officials say, to address increased operations costs and escalating expenses and to keep PHA terminals competitive with other ports around the country.

The cumulative effect of this increase will be about 5 percent at the Turning Basin Terminal, Barbours Cut Terminal and Bayport Container Terminal. Affected rates include wharfage, dockage, container crane rental, throughput rates, container storage, security fee, harbor fees and freight handling.

The new tariffs can be viewed on the PHA Web site at: [www.portofhouston.com/maritime/tariffs.html](http://www.portofhouston.com/maritime/tariffs.html)

## Smith New PHA Police Chief

Veteran law enforcement officer Mark A. Smith joins the Port of Houston Authority as police chief.

Smith brings more than 27 years of police experience and an impressive education background to the position. He comes to PHA after serving as the director of Safe and Secure Schools for Clear Creek Independent School District and previously served as the chief of police for the Galveston ISD and city of Crandall. Smith retired from the Dallas Police Department after 23 years of service.

He holds a master's degree of business administration from Amberton University and a bachelor of science degree in police administration from Eastern Kentucky University. He has logged nearly 3,000 classroom hours in education courses on law enforcement and emergency management, including completion of the Leadership Command College from the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas. He is a master peace officer, a certified instructor by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education and a volunteer fire fighter in League City.



Mark A. Smith,  
PHA police chief

## Reception Honors Community Volunteers



Wade Battles, PHA managing director;  
Kim Young, public affairs administrative  
assistant, and H. Thomas Kornegay,  
executive director.

Nearly 70 Port of Houston Authority SupPORTers were invited to a Community Volunteer Appreciation Reception on the evening of Dec. 10 aboard the *M/V Sam Houston* in appreciation of their efforts, dedication and enthusiasm for community service.

Two PHA employees were recognized as volunteers of the year. Kim Young logged 70.5 hours and Nessie Ramirez logged 64.5 hours. On average, PHA employees collectively volunteer more than 600 hours of their off-work time annually. To date this year, those numbers have doubled to more than 1,300 hours, due in part to more events.



Wade Battles, PHA managing director;  
Nessie Ramirez, special projects  
manager, accounting; and H. Thomas  
Kornegay, executive director.

# November Port Commission Highlights

At its Nov. 25 meeting, the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority:

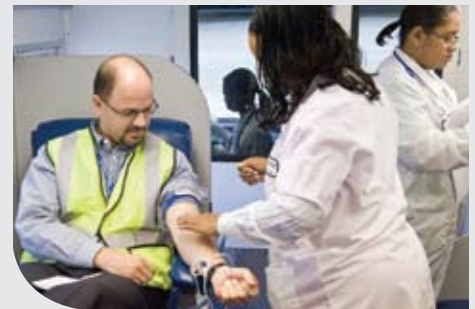
- Approved advertising and receipt of competitive sealed proposals for Bayport Terminal Complex Phase 1 –Stage 2 Container yard, with an estimated range of \$40 million to \$60 million.
- Approved issuing a request for qualifications for professional services to design the Phase 2 container yard at Bayport Terminal, providing for an additional 55 acres of container yard storage to meet growing demands. Estimated cost of construction is \$55 million to \$66 million.
- Approved issuing a request for qualifications for professional services to design Wharf No. 4 and No. 5 at Bayport Container Terminal, providing for the remaining 1,660 feet of wharf east of existing wharf areas and those currently being constructed.
- Approved awarding a professional services contract to PBS&J, Inc. for storm water quality consulting services for a term of two years for \$200,000.



PHA Commissioners Janiece Longoria, Jim Fonteno, Jr., Executive Director Tom Kornegay and Chairman Jim Edmonds.

## PHA Surpasses 2008 Blood Drive Goal with 226 Units

The Port of Houston Authority surpassed its goal of collecting 225 units of blood in the four blood drives sponsored this year, collecting a total of 226 units for donation to the Gulf Coast Blood Center. The amount exceeded last year's total by 27 units. The last drive, held December 9, resulted in the donation of 56 units of blood. A total of 22 successfully donated at Barbours Cut Terminal and a total of 34 donated at the Executive Office Building. According to Gulf Coast Blood Center officials, one unit of blood can save up to three lives, which means up to 678 lives could potentially be saved by PHA blood donations.



Ceylon Loehr, a mechanic in PHA's Maintenance Dept., poses with a box brimming with new toys to be donated from PHA employees to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

## PHA Delivers Toys for Tots and Food for the Hungry

Employees at the Port of Houston Authority delivered the goods, in dollars, food items and toys, this holiday season. The donations benefited KHOU-TV's annual *Spirit of Texas Food Drive* and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

Both PHA and the Houston Pilots supported the food drive with donations. The Houston Food Bank feeds 80,000 people on a given week through nearly 400 hunger relief agencies to 18 southeast Texas counties.

PHA employees helped the Toys for Tots program, which has been operating since 1947, meet its primary goal: to deliver, through a shiny new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to needy youngsters.

## CLEAN & GREEN PORT OF HOUSTON PROGRAM

2008 draws to a close with approximately 2,200 cubic yards of stormwater trash removed from the area waterways because of the Clean & Green Program.

This much trash would need 88 trash trucks to haul it all away.

It is a genuine holiday blessing that this trash no longer litters the banks of Buffalo Bayou and floats in its waters running through the port, ruining wildlife habitat along these waterways.

### Questions?

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