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PHA 1st Port Authority in the World to Meet New ISO International Security Standards

The Port of Houston Authority has added another “first” to its list of achievements, becoming the first port authority in the world to receive new ISO international security certification. ABS Quality Evaluations certified the security management system of the PHA, Port Police to ISO 28000:2007, which was developed in response to demand from industry for a security management standard.

“This latest accomplishment of being the first port in the world to be Security ISO 28000:2007 certified is due to the hard work and dedication of the port’s staff and is further evidence of the Port of Houston Authority’s proactive philosophy to lead by example,” said PHA Chairman James T. Edmonds. “This will lead to the eventual certification of all our terminals.”

The certification comes after a three-year process of the development of PHA’s Security Management System (SMS) and its application to Port Police and the perimeter security operations at both the Barbours Cut and Bayport Terminals. The SMS was modeled after PHA’s highly successful Environmental Management System, which made it the first port authority in the world to attain ISO 14000 certification in 2002.



From left, at the March 25 Port Commission meeting: Wade Battles, PHA managing director; Jerry Simon, facilities security officer, Turning Basin; Gil Thompson, assistant chief of port police; Patricia Ramsey, SMS representative/project manager and administrative manager, port police; PHA Chairman Edmonds; Chuck Russo, president of ABS Quality Evaluations; Daniel Foster, facilities security officer, Barbours Cut and Bayport terminals; and H. Thomas Kornegay, PHA executive director.

PHA and City of Seabrook Celebrate Earth Day Park Dedication



Paul Dunphey, council member, City of Seabrook; Robin Riley, mayor, City of Seabrook; PHA Commissioner Steve Phelps; Tom Diegelman, council member, City of Seabrook; PHA Chairman James T. Edmonds; Congressman Nick Lampson, U.S. Representative, Texas District 22; Gary Renola, council member, City of Seabrook; PHA Commissioners Elyse Lanier, Janiece Longoria and Jimmy Burke; Dee Wright, mayor pro tem, City of Seabrook; and Kim Morrell, council member, City of Seabrook.

On Earth Day, April 22, the Port of Houston Authority transferred to the City of Seabrook the new 41-acre Seabrook Wildlife Park, taking the last step of their historic November 2007 agreement.

The winning name for the park in a contest among Seabrook’s elementary and intermediate schoolchildren was submitted by Marianne Kolar’s kindergarten class at Bay Elementary, whose students were on hand to help with the dedication. The school received a check for \$500, which will be used to create an in-house project that promotes environmental awareness.

The park will help provide a natural buffer between activity at the port authority’s Bayport terminal and the community of Seabrook. As a sign of both parties’ commitment to future growth and environmental preservation, the city and port authority planted a commemorative oak tree in the park.



March Port Commission Highlights

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

- Approved advertising and receipt of proposals for scrap tire removal and recycling or disposal at PHA facilities. The estimated cost is \$100,000 for a period of two years.
- Approved advertising and receipt of proposals for an American National Standards Institute-Registrar Accreditation Board (ANSI-RAB) certified ISO 14001 registrar to audit the port authority's environmental management system (EMS) located at the Turning Basin Terminal, Central Maintenance facility, Barbours Cut Container Terminal and Bayport Container Terminal over three years.
- Approved advertising and receipt of competitive sealed proposals for Access Control and CCTV for the Point at Barbours Cut at an estimated \$260,000 to \$360,000. This project is partially funded by a federal grant. The Port Commission selected TRC Engineers, Inc.
- Approved a recommendation to award a professional services contract to W. D. Schock Company, Inc., to develop and implement the Bayport sound mitigation pilot program for \$405,821.
- Approved entry into an interlocal agreement for Pelican Island Container Terminal Planning with the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves.



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Crews Named Port Security and Emergency Operations Manager



William H. Crews

William H. Crews, CPP, a veteran security professional who most recently served as chief of security at NASA's flight research facility in California, has joined the Port of Houston Authority as the port security and emergency operations manager, a new position. Crews is responsible for directing and monitoring the PHA's security operations and programs, including meeting Coast Guard and other regulatory requirements as well as maintaining oversight of the Police Department.

As a certified protection professional (CPP), an internationally recognized board certification in security management, Crews brings nearly 20 years of professional experience to the position. The new name of the PHA's police department, Port Security and Emergency Operations, better describes its purpose in a post-9/11 world.

From Recycling to E-cycling, Port SupPORTers are Busy

This has been a busy time for Port of Houston Authority community initiatives. Thirty-four PHA employees were among the 289 volunteers who waged war on trash at the Baytown Nature Center, March 29 in the annual River, Lakes, Bays and Bayous Trash Bash. Collectively, they gathered 2.45 tons of trash and 600 pounds of recyclable plastic trash and collected 40 tires.

During that same weekend, the tall ship Elissa visited the PHA's Bayport Cruise Terminal. Elissa is the first vessel to dock at the terminal, which is on track to be fully operational in fall 2008. The ship was open to the public for guided tours on March 28 and 29.



The PHA joined with Shell Oil Co. to support ABC-13's Annual Earth Day on a cool, rainy April 18. The e-cycle drive, which encouraged viewers to donate recyclable computers and other electronics, took place at ABC-13 studios. A preliminary total of 64,000 pounds of e-waste was donated. PHA supported the event as part of its commitment to the environment. PHA Chairman James T. Edmonds and his wife, Annette, joined the aptly numbered 13 volunteers, who staffed the booth, gave out recyclable grocery bags and helped unload donations despite the weather.



CLEAN & GREEN PORT OF HOUSTON PROGRAM

Last month, the Clean & Green program cleared 162 cubic yards of trash from Buffalo Bayou, bringing its 8-month total to 1,328 cubic yards. That's enough trash to fill 53 standard size garbage trucks.

Questions?

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