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LIRR Acting President James Dermody Celebrates 45 Years With Railroad

Long-time Mastic Beach, Long Island resident James Dermody will celebrate his 45th year as an MTA Long Island Rail Road employee on Friday June 20th. Mr. Dermody, literally, has worked his way up the organization to the top, now serving as Acting President of the oldest and largest commuter railroad in the country.

Named to his most recent position in March of this year, Mr. Dermody has a customer focused philosophy. Speaking to LIRR employees after his appointment, Mr. Dermody said, "Our goal, a safe and comfortable railroad that runs on time, has not changed and I am confident you will continue working to make the LIRR a better railroad."

MTA Chairman Peter Kalikow said, "I am pleased that Jim Dermody has continued the customer-focused improvements made at the LIRR in recent years. It is great to have a long-time railroad man and Long Island resident as acting president of the railroad."

Chairman of the MTA Long Island Committee Al Werner said, "Jim Dermody is a can-do guy. His natural leadership ability and long experience at the railroad are tremendous assets. I congratulate him on his 45 years at the LIRR and look forward to continue working with him in the future."

Starting as a ticket clerk in 1958, Mr. Dermody has held increasingly responsible positions at the LIRR. The jobs cover diverse areas including Ticket Agent, Supervisor-Freight Car Control, Manager-Freight Car Service, Trainmaster, Superintendent-Train Movement, General Superintendent-Transportation, General Manager-Customer Quality and Service Planning, Acting Chief Mechanical Officer, General Manager-New Fleet Procurement, Chief Transportation Officer and Senior Vice President-Operations.

During his tenure as Senior Vice President-Operations, Mr. Dermody has directed the operations of the railroad to record on-time performance achievements and oversaw the full implementation of the new diesel fleet and the introduction of the new M-7 electric car fleet into passenger service.

MTA Executive Director Katherine N. Lapp said, "For the past 45 years Jim Dermody has worked to ensure our customers get to and from work safely, and on time. His commitment is representative of the thousands of MTA employees who make mass transportation succeed."

Jim Dermody lives in Mastic Beach with his wife, Roni, and their two daughters.