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Michael R. Coan Appointed Chief of MTA Police Department

26-Year Veteran of the New York City Police Department

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) today announced that MTA Executive Director and CEO Elliot G. Sander had appointed Michael R. Coan to be Chief of the MTA Police Department, effective today.

Chief Coan is a 26-year veteran of the New York City Police Department, where he rose through the ranks from Patrol Officer to senior-level positions including Commanding Officer at two precincts, Inspector/Counter Terrorism Coordinator in Brooklyn South, and Commanding Officer for Public Information Services and Executive Officer of Manhattan South. His most recent position was Deputy Chief/Executive Officer of the NYPD Detective Bureau composed of more than 3,500 detectives and supervisors citywide.

Deputy Chief Ronald J. Masciana had been serving as Acting Chief of Police since the departure of Chief Kevin McConville in October 2007. Chief Coan will report to MTA Deputy Executive Director and Director of Security William A. Morange.

"Michael's experience and leadership skills in policing strategies, crisis management, risk and security assessment will build on the success and strengths of the MTA Police Department and further enhance our security efforts," said Sander, who has prioritized security as one of the MTA's top areas of focus. "I also want to thank Deputy Chief Masciana for ably serving the MTA as Acting Chief of Police for the past seven months."

Chief Coan said: "I look forward to the challenge of providing safety and security to the customers and crew members of the region's railroads and I appreciate the opportunity to lead such a professional organization."

Chief Coan graduated from St. John's University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

The MTA Police Department patrols the stations, trains and right-of-way of the Long Island Rail Road, Metro-North Railroad and Staten Island Railway.