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MTA Names Douglas Zeigler New Head of Security

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) today announced the appointment of Douglas Zeigler as its Director of Security.

Zeigler, a 37-year veteran of the New York City Police Department, began his law enforcement career in 1973 and served in a variety of positions including Chief of the Community Affairs Bureau, Chief of the Organized Crime Control Bureau, Chief of the Housing Bureau and Borough Commander for Patrol Borough Queens North. He retired from NYPD in June 2010. Chief Zeigler has a law degree from New York Law School and Master's and Bachelor's degrees from John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

"The safety and security of the millions of people who use our transit system every day is our top priority, and Chief Zeigler is uniquely qualified to lead our multi-faceted security program," said MTA Chairman and CEO Jay H. Walder. "Chief Zeigler brings with him a wealth of knowledge from three decades at the NYPD that will guide MTA security policy and support the continuation of our tight partnership with local, state and federal law enforcement," Walder said.

Mr. Zeigler, 63, will oversee security for the MTA, including coordinating MTA security efforts with the Department of Homeland Security, FBI, the National Guard, NYPD and State Police, as well as the MTA Police Department, which has jurisdiction in 14 counties in New York and Connecticut, patrolling approximately 5,000-square miles of the MTA's rail network.

"The MTA's services are so important to our way of life here in New York, and I look forward to working with the MTA Police and our colleagues in law enforcement to keep our customers safe and our system secure," said Chief Zeigler.

Zeigler replaces retiring Chief William A. Morange, who is retiring after serving seven years at the MTA. Morange is also a 39-year veteran of the NYPD.

"Chief Morange has enjoyed an unparalleled career in law enforcement, and for the past seven years he played a crucial role in protecting our transit system," said Walder. "His legacy is a much more secure transportation system, and he will be missed."

