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CBP Names New Philadelphia Area Port Director

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Baltimore – Michael Lovejoy, director of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Baltimore field operations, announced today the appointment of Allan J. Martocci as area port director in Philadelphia.

Martocci will lead about 300 CBP officers, agriculture specialists and other employees focused on border security, trade and agriculture compliance, and passenger operations at ports of entry's in Pennsylvania, Delaware and southern New Jersey. He is responsible for developing and implementing measures that protect United States citizens and foreign visitors against terrorists or terrorist weapons of mass effect, interdict illegal narcotics arriving by air and sea, seize counterfeit consumer products and counterfeit monetary instruments, and protect our nation's environment and ecology against deliberate or accidental introduction of non-indigenous or invasive plants and insects.

Since October 2004, Martocci served as CBP assistant port director for tactical operations in Philadelphia, prior to being appointed area port director. He succeeds William "Bill" Brush who passed away unexpectedly on July 7, 2007.

"Al's extensive experience in inspections, enforcement and tactical operations coupled with his 30-plus years of proven law enforcement leadership in the Philadelphia port area ideally position him for this critically challenging assignment" said Lovejoy. "I have absolute that Al will do a remarkable job as the Philadelphia area port director."

Martocci began his civil service career in 1966 as an inspector with the then-Bureau New York. He was promoted to supervisor in 1975. As an enforcement supervisor fo seaport area, he was instrumental in the creation, development, and supervision of Customs Service's first enforcement teams. His concept of melding inspectors, offic into a multi-disciplined enforcement team scored successful narcotics seizures and became the precursor to today's Anti-Terrorism Contraband Enforcement Team fou major port in the nation.

Martocci reported to Philadelphia in 1977 as the U.S. Customs Service chief of insp operations. He earned a Commendation for Labor Management Relations in 1980 fo negotiations and developing strategies to negotiate fairly with labor organizations.

In March 1984, he was promoted to assistant district director for customs inspection operations throughout Pennsylvania, Delaware and southern New Jersey. He earne

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Achievement Award for developing the District Narcotics Interdiction Strategy that re significant cocaine seizures (1,057 lbs. and 2,474 lbs.) in 1988.

Martocci served as assistant port director for passenger and enforcement operations until October 2004. He was responsible for managing all aspects of air and sea pass processing, managing outbound trade enforcement and compliance, and developing smuggling and anti-terrorism programs. In 1995, Martocci helped steer the U.S. Cus through its most robust reorganization in many years.

Following the terrorist attacks of 9/11, Martocci led local efforts to merge vital functio U.S. Customs Service, U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, and U.S. Depar Agriculture into one agency within the Department of Homeland Security. During this Martocci recognized that each legacy agency had differing yet interrelated regulator enforcement responsibilities for arriving ships that resulted in numerous agency con vessel's agent. He created a one-stop Vessel Central ship processing center that eli redundancy and improved processing times that helped foster the free flow of mariti

Martocci, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., is an Honors Graduate from New York Universi

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