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July 1, 2014

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey  
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Attention FOI Administrator  
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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the New York State Freedom of Information Law (1977 N.Y. Laws ch. 933), I hereby request the following records:

The memorandum of understanding signed by the City of New York and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, announced on July 24, 2008, regarding security responsibilities at and around the World Trade Center.

I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as I believe this request is in the public interest. The requested documents will be made available to the general public free of charge as part of the public information service at MuckRock.com, processed by a representative of the news media/press and is made in the process of news gathering and not for commercial usage.

In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Conor Skelding

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**THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ**

*FOI Administrator*

July 16, 2014

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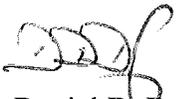
Re: Freedom of Information Reference No. 15049

Dear Mr. Skelding:

This is a response to your July 1, 2014 request, which has been processed under the Port Authority's Freedom of Information Code, for a copy of the "memorandum of understanding signed by the City of New York and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, announced on July 24, 2008, regarding security responsibilities at and around the World Trade Center."

The material responsive to your request is exempt from disclosure pursuant to exemption (4) of the Code. The publically available documents related to the requested material can be found on the Port Authority website at <http://www.panynj.gov/corporate-information/foi/15049-WTC.pdf>

Very truly yours,



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**WORLD TRADE CENTER AREA - POLICE AND SECURITY SERVICES  
AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

It was recommended that the Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the City of New York that would set forth certain understandings between the Port Authority and the City with respect to police and security services to be provided within an area of New York City with a northern boundary of Murray Street, a southern boundary of Rector Street, a western boundary of the Hudson River and an eastern boundary of the centerline of Broadway (the World Trade Center Area).

The City would form a dedicated police and security unit (the WTC Unit) for the World Trade Center Area on a schedule to be established by the New York City Police Department (NYPD) as part of a security plan for the World Trade Center Area to be developed by NYPD, with the concurrence of the Port Authority (the Security Plan). The Security Plan would also provide for the WTC Unit's management of the security operations control center and oversight of security operations, personnel and technologies, including screening procedures and vehicular access, at the World Trade Center, as well as the interface with the Port Authority with respect to the Port Authority's law enforcement and security activities at the World Trade Center to be implemented through a Port Authority World Trade Center command center. The Port Authority would have primary responsibility for all law enforcement and security activities at the World Trade Center Transportation Hub, would exercise command and control over Port Authority police personnel at the World Trade Center Transportation Hub, would participate in and conduct police and security operations with respect to all office towers, and memorial and cultural facilities at the World Trade Center in accordance with the Security Plan, and would directly or through its tenants be responsible for, and bear the costs of, the installation and maintenance of all security equipment at the World Trade Center.

To provide for seamless law enforcement activities undertaken in the World Trade Center Area, the WTC Unit would have access to all areas, buildings and facilities under the Port Authority's ownership or control at the World Trade Center, including the World Trade Center Transportation Hub, to the same extent as the Port Authority for policing and security purposes on a phased-in basis as the construction of such buildings and facilities is completed or upon such other mutually agreed to timeframe.

In the event the number of NYPD sworn law enforcement personnel assigned to the WTC Unit was reduced and the Port Authority incurred any increased costs for police and/or security services within the World Trade Center Area, the Port Authority would be entitled to offset such increased costs as a credit against payments-in-lieu-of-taxes with respect to the World Trade Center, to the extent that such costs are a direct result of the reduction in the WTC Unit and the Port Authority provides, prior to taking any offset, sufficient detail of such costs to be incurred, for the City's approval.

The Port Authority and the City would establish a World Trade Center Area security advisory committee, consisting of a representative of the City, the Port Authority, the Governor of the State of New York and the Governor of the State of New Jersey, that would meet on a regular basis to review any and all relevant reports and consider law enforcement and security

related matters pertaining to the World Trade Center Area and coordinate interagency cooperation with respect to such matters.

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted with Commissioners Bauer, Blakeman, Chasanoff, Coscia, Ferer, Holmes, Pocino, Sartor and Steiner voting in favor; none against:

**RESOLVED**, that the Executive Director be and he hereby is authorized, for and on behalf of the Port Authority, to enter into an agreement with the City of New York that would set forth certain understandings between the Port Authority and the City with respect to police and security services to be provided within an area of New York City with a northern boundary of Murray Street, a southern boundary of Rector Street, a western boundary of the Hudson River and an eastern boundary of the centerline of Broadway (the World Trade Center Area), consistent with the foregoing report to the Board; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Executive Director be and he hereby is authorized, for and on behalf of the Port Authority, to take any and all action to effectuate the foregoing, including the execution of agreements, contracts and other documents, together with amendments and supplements thereof, or amendments and supplements to existing agreements, contracts and other documents, and to take action in accordance with the terms of such agreements, contracts and other documents, as may be necessary in connection therewith; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the form of all agreements, contracts and other documents, in each case, in connection with the foregoing shall be subject to the approval of General Counsel or his authorized representative.

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ

**Press Release Article**

**PORT AUTHORITY, CITY OF NEW YORK REACH AGREEMENT ON POLICING OF WORLD TRADE CENTER SITE**

Date: Jul 24, 2008

Press Release Number: 82-2008

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and the Port Authority today announced that the City of New York and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey have agreed on a plan to jointly police and secure the World Trade Center site.

The agreement marks a milestone in the rebuilding effort, under which the NYPD, working with the Port Authority, will develop and implement a comprehensive security plan for the site and the surrounding area.

To ensure that security operations at the site are seamless, NYPD will have access to all Port Authority facilities within the area, and the NYPD and the Port Authority will develop a plan that addresses both the public streets and transportation facilities, as well as the private office towers and other public facilities at the site, including the World Trade Center Memorial.

"The security of the World Trade Center site is intimately tied to the security of all of Lower Manhattan and New York City," said Mayor Bloomberg. "Today's agreement provides a clear delineation of responsibility so that the City and the Port Authority can work together to ensure seamless security that will keep the World Trade Center site safe and accessible for residents, businesses and the millions of people who will come to visit the World Trade Center Memorial. I'd like to thank Deputy Mayor Edward Skyler, Police Commissioner Ray Kelly, the Port Authority and their staffs for the hard work that went into this agreement, which will accelerate the rebuilding of the entire site."

The City will form a dedicated police and security unit for the World Trade Center Area on a schedule to be established by the NYPD as part of a security plan for the World Trade Center Area to be developed by NYPD, with the concurrence of the Port Authority. The Security Plan will also provide for the WTC Unit's management of the security operations control center and oversight of security operations, personnel and technologies, including screening procedures and vehicular access, at the World Trade Center, as well as the interface with the Port Authority with respect to the Port Authority's law enforcement and security activities at the World Trade Center, to be implemented through a Port Authority World Trade Center Command Center.

The Port Authority will have primary responsibility for all law enforcement and security activities at the World Trade Center Transportation Hub, will exercise command and control over Port Authority police personnel at the World Trade Center Transportation Hub, will participate in and conduct police and security operations with respect to all office

towers, and memorial and cultural facilities at the World Trade Center in accordance with the Security Plan, and will directly or through its tenants be responsible for, and bear the costs of, the installation and maintenance of all security equipment at the World Trade Center.

To foster security coordination between the law enforcement agencies, the Port Authority and the City will form a World Trade Center Area security advisory committee. The committee will meet on a regular basis to review reports and consider law enforcement and security related matters pertaining to the World Trade Center. The committee will include a representative of the City, the Port Authority, the Governor of New York and the Governor of New Jersey.

"Considering the history of this site and the ongoing threat of terrorism, it only makes sense that the NYPD devote significant resources to protect the World Trade Center," said Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly.

"We are committed to working in partnership with the NYPD to ensure the highest safety and security standards for the World Trade Center site," said Port Authority Superintendent of Police/Director of Public Safety Samuel J. Plumeri Jr. "Our police agencies are among the best in the nation, and this cooperative agreement will allow us to properly secure the site for decades to come. We've worked together successfully in the past at the airports, tunnels, bridges and bus terminals, and this will continue that successful partnership."

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