



Stephanie Dawson
Chief Operating Officer
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Stephanie Dawson is the Chief Operating Officer (Acting) at the Port Authority of NY & NJ. She was previously the Chief of Staff to the Chief Operating Officer. In the role of Chief Operating Officer, she is responsible for the Aviation; Tunnels, Bridges, and Terminals; Port Commerce; PATH Rail, Operations Services Department and the newly created Office of Storm Mitigation and Resilience. An innovator, she also created and managed the Project Management Office during its infancy. Stephanie's current focus is on advancing initiatives that enable the seamless delivery of vital support services for the Lines of Business in order to achieve the Agency's core mission and further organizational efficiency.

A Project Management Professional (PMP), Stephanie joined the Office of the Chief Operating Officer in 2005 with responsibility for Capital Programs, overseeing the \$800 million to \$1.2 billion capital program and delivering the Agency's first Integrated Project Management System. Later, she was responsible for coordination of activities and initiatives that affected all the lines of business, and she developed Asset/Infrastructure Management strategies, developed and implemented security, police and emergency management strategies and provided grant management support.

Stephanie joined the Port Authority in 1995 as a Technology Consultant in the Technology Services Department, and later served as Program Manager, delivering Security Systems and Infrastructure, and Revenue Systems, among others. Outside the Port Authority of NY & NJ, Stephanie was also a bank operations manager, Director in the City of New York, and she is a retired Army Colonel, completing an overseas tour for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operations Enduring Freedom from 2003 to 2004.

Stephanie has a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Cornell University, a Masters in Public Administration from Marist College, and a Masters of Science in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.