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Port of Galveston Makes Two Staff Appointments

Galveston, Texas...June 11, 2002...Two staff appointments have been approved by the Board of Trustees of the Port of Galveston. Herbert L. "Bubba" Smith was named Assistant Cruise Terminal Manager/Assistant Harbormaster and James M. "Jim" Thompson was named Chief of Police.

Smith has been with the Port of Galveston since 1980. He initially worked for the Pier Point Packers Crating Division, then worked in the Accounting and Marketing Departments. Prior to his recent appointment, he was the Senior Port Sales Representative. In this newly created position, Smith will assist the Cruise Terminal Manager in managing the operations of The Texas Cruise Ship Terminal on Galveston Island, will provide relief for the Cruise Terminal Manager and the Harbormaster and will manage the specific harbormaster duties at the Pier 19 Small Boat Basin.

Thompson has been with the Port since 1994. He initially worked as a Patrolman and was then promoted to the position of Captain. Thompson served as Acting Chief of Police since April of 2001. As Chief of Police, Thompson will assure that Federal, State and local laws and Port rules

and regulations are enforced. He will implement programs to prevent crimes, protect lives and property and to provide safety programs that minimize injury and liability. He will work closely with the Harbormaster on duties set forth in Article II, Chapter 16 of the City of Galveston Code. He is responsible for overseeing police and security operations related to cruise operations.

"The staff of the Port is comprised of many talented individuals," stated Steven M. Cernak, Port Director. "I am not surprised that we were able to fill these two positions from among the existing staff members. Bubba has been involved in the sales, marketing and operational end of the Port for many years and he is a natural to fill the cruise terminal position.

"Jim Thompson has spent his professional life involved in police department operations," continued Cernak. "He served admirably as our Acting Police Chief when the need arose and he skillfully fills our need as the head of our Police Department."

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