

Polly Hanson

Polly Hanson joined Amtrak in December 2012 as the Chief of Police of the Amtrak Police Department (APD). The APD is charged with protecting more than 30 million annual passengers, Amtrak facilities, rolling stock and 20,000 employees operating more than 300 trains a day on more than 21,000 miles of track serving 500 destinations in 46 states and 3 Canadian provinces by patrolling stations, trains, the right of way and Amtrak's facilities with K9 teams, uniformed officers, officers in plain clothes who conduct counter surveillance, random passenger baggage screening, intelligence collection.

Prior to joining Amtrak, Polly served as the Director of the Office of Law Enforcement and Security with the Department of the Interior where she provided policy guidance and oversight to the Department's 7 law enforcement, security and intelligence programs and worked closely with the Department's bureaus and outside government departments to protect critical infrastructure facilities, national icons and monuments.

Ms. Hanson served as a civilian Assistant Chief with the Metropolitan Police in Washington DC from 2008 until 2011. As the Executive Director of the Strategic Services Bureau, Polly was responsible for overseeing the development of policy and procedures, tactical crime analysis and research, government relations, strategic planning, the MPD Reserve Corps program, corporate communications and the freedom of information office.

Chief Hanson retired from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority after 27 years of service. Ms. Hanson was the Assistant General Manager for Safety, Security and Emergency Management at Metro after serving as the Chief of the Metro Transit Police, Washington, D.C. from 2002 until 2007. As Chief of the Transit Police, Polly led a tri-state police department of 423 sworn police officers and 130 non-sworn personnel responsible for safeguarding more than a million Metrobus and Metrorail customers, 10,000 employees, Metro properties and revenue. Ms. Hanson joined the Transit Police in 1981 after beginning her law enforcement career in 1977 as a civilian Communications Technician with the United States Park Police.

Ms. Hanson has an M.S. Degree from Johns Hopkins University, a B.A. from Temple University, is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar.